

## SAMUEL GULLY & CO

**THE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR** The Muslin Underwear Sale has been going on for three weeks—will continue for another week! The sales at our muslin underwear counters have been bigger than ever before—more people have stopped there to buy—sure indication of lowest prices and superior qualities.

This week the interest will be diverted to a dozen styles in ladies' Night-gowns. These gowns are made of fine cotton, finished in the best possible manner and are trimmed with the daintiest of hampshire embroideries, these are such qualities as it pays to buy.

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**CORSET COVERS** Perfect fitting, well shaped Corset Covers, made of fine muslin, felled seams and finished in the most thorough manner. There are about ten different styles, all at one price.

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**BRING FIVE DOLLARS.** To our Cloak Department any day this week—it will buy any ladies' Jacket in our stock.

Perhaps if you get here first you'll secure one of the \$15 or \$20 Jackets. We take inventory next week—that's the secret of the low price.

**MENS' LINEN COLLARS.** You never wore a 25 cent Linen Collar—that is, never wore one that only cost you 10 cents. Well, take a minute off tomorrow, our men's furnishing counter is just inside the door, we'll sell you one 25 cent linen collar for 10 cents or three for 25 cents. Incidentally we'll show you how it is possible to save a little money by trading with us.

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When you purchase the table supplies? Price or Quality? Or a present of trifling value thrown in as an inducement, or something to be handed back at some future time to amend for inferior quality, or do you put aside every other consideration and demand first STERLING QUALITY and then a moderate price and good service.

Did you ever stop to consider that your health was invaluable to you and should be the first consideration.

A gift or after consideration of whatever nature should have no influence in determining what goes on your table, unless absolute purity is to be considered.

(To be Continued.)

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12 STATE STREET.

### WE NEVER ADVERTISE

a thing we do not have. We never advertise a bargain if we cannot give you an unusual value for your money. Just now we offer exceptional inducements in

### Men's Clothing AND Furnishings.

To make ready for new stock we will make up suits, overcoats and trousers, at about one-fourth less than real value. Same way with different lines of furnishings.

## P. J. BOLAND.

## BY TELEGRAPH. OFFICIALS WAITING

### For the Results of the Maine Investigation. Accident Theory Still First in Every Statement.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Secretary Long felt so much better this morning after a good night's rest that he did not leave on the short trip he had planned, and stayed at the navy department. He said the outlook was better and that the public ought not to be under any misapprehension regarding the naval movements. So far these have been only the ordinary dispositions such as are made from time to time.

The shipping of guns to New York is to supply the Chicago, now under construction, and the call for more men is simply a revival of the recommendation in the annual report.

It is said that the statement of Spanish officials that there were no mines or torpedoes in Havana harbor agrees exactly with inquiries which have been under way many months by our own government. So far they have been unable to find the slightest evidence of any plan of defense in the harbor by mines or torpedoes. Naval officials say that the effect of this statement, if accepted as conclusive, is almost certain to negative any supposition that the disaster resulted from other than accidental causes.

The marines and sailors of the Maine now at Key West will be brought to New York and placed on the receiving ship Vermont to await further assignments.

**Spain Decries Public Opinion.** Madrid, Feb. 26.—The cabinet has considered the situation fully, and no incident was reported as altering the "cordiality of the relations between Spain and the United States." The minister, however, expressed "Regret at the passion which has crept into public opinion during the present incident."

It was voted to develop the army. A decree has been issued abolishing the courts.

**Key West Rumors.** Key West, Feb. 26.—The United States coast survey steamer *Bache* arrived here this morning from Havana, with four of the Maine wounded. Admiral Seward said: "The elaborate naval maneuvers at Fortugas have been postponed pending developments. Should anything occur the force here would have to be strengthened considerably. Absolutely nothing is known here regarding the rumors of an intention to increase the strength of the Key West garrison. No provisions have been made for the accommodations of additional troops. The United States cruiser *Marblehead* is in the harbor."

**Senator Proctor in Cuba.** Havana, Feb. 26.—Senator Proctor of Vermont arrived here this morning from Key West. He says that his coming has no significance with political affairs. He may go back on the next steamer and may stay a week. Newspaper correspondents are going to Key West today when the board of inquiry goes. Extra divers and apparatus on the *Mascotte* have arrived.

Havana, Feb. 26.—The wreck of the Maine is slowly but surely sinking. Before the hull could be raised the guns and deck debris of all kinds must be taken out. This takes time, and for lack of proper appliances practically nothing has been done yet. Aside from the officers and cabin effects the salvage thus far has been pitifully small. The complaint is made that the electric lamps are of little use to the divers, as the light is faint and uncertain, and to hold them takes one of the diver's hands. They have assuredly proved of little value in the present investigation.

#### RESTRAINING CONDITIONS,

Yet No Evidence That Distributive Trade Has Been Reduced.

New York, Feb. 26.—While business of a speculative nature has been quick to reflect the increasing strain in political affairs in reduced values and withdrawals or curtailment of activity in some lines, *Business Week* says that there is little to indicate that the volume of distributive trade has been reduced, and reports so far as the latter branch of business is concerned are among the best received this year. With important exceptions the price situation is one of strength, while the continued demand for coarse grains is taken to reflect the turning of attention from higher priced cereals to those of a lower priced character.

At the east last week's spurt in the dry goods trade at Boston does not seem to have held, but at New York there is considerably more doing in the jobbing trade. The cotton situation is one of firmness, reflecting alike the curtailment of production growing out of labor troubles and the firmness of raw cotton induced by a good export demand. Wool is firm, but the demand has perceptibly slackened, and there is less doing in manufacturing goods. The demand for boots and shoes, electrical supplies and machinery is reported ahead of last year, as are also shipments of first mentioned products.

A feature of the clearing exhibit are the large number and heavy volume of gains shown over the corresponding week a year ago. Only four cities show a decrease compared with 1897, and the gains of the larger cities particularly are very heavy, among them being increases of 74 percent at New York city, 70 percent at Pittsburg, 88 percent at San Francisco and 30 to 35 percent increase at such cities as Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago.

A very large drop in the number of business failures is indicated by the

The court of inquiry at its session yesterday afternoon continued its examination of the divers, and also examined a civilian whose testimony is said to be of some importance. The Mangrove, it is now believed, will surely leave for Key West this evening, arriving there Sunday morning. This program may be changed at the last moment, but it does not seem likely. After the Mangrove leaves the Fern will be the only United States vessel here.

**Viscaya's Departure.** New York, Feb. 26.—The Spanish cruiser *Viscaya*, after spending a week in this port on a friendly visit to the United States, started for Havana Friday afternoon. She has on board nearly 1500 tons of coal, said to be more than she ever carried before and quite sufficient to take her back to Barcelona, or to last for an extended cruise off the Cuban coast. There were no ceremonies connected with the vessel's departure.

Four miles outside the hook a tug with a large American flag steamed within 200 feet of the *Viscaya*. Men were on her upper deck with a huge camera and were photographing the ship. A steam pilot boat took off the pilot and a tug received the people from New York. As he passed with his visitors, Captain Bulate said: "I greatly regret leaving New York."

**Transports in Readiness.**

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 26.—Although the officials of the company have not so stated publicly, pretty much everybody here understands that the Plant system has completed arrangements for the transportation of troops and munitions of war to Havana on short notice. All of the ships have been placed in condition for emergencies. Should war be declared, it is stated that the officials have perfected plans to land a large body of troops in Havana within 36 hours after their arrival at this place. Troops can be transported from Washington and New York to this port in from 24 to 36 hours. The company has also made arrangements, it is understood, to promptly land men and arms in Key West in all strategic points on the coast of Florida, and in Mobile.

**Mr. Bryan Decries Haste.**

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 26.—When W. J. Bryan was interviewed concerning the Maine he said: "In my opinion, we should be slow to act in the Maine affair, especially under the trying circumstances which confront us. Another fact which in my mind impels us to exercise discretion is that the official investigation of the explosion is now being made. The United States cannot afford to be hasty in this matter. International questions are involved, and it would be a sad compliment to our government were we to openly and maliciously bring about strained relations by our anxiety to locate the responsibility for the Maine disaster. Nothing should be done until the investigation is completed."

**Accident, Says Mr. Hanna.**

New York, Feb. 26.—Senator Hanna in an interview said: "A serious condition is confronting us, but so far as I know there will be no hasty action. I have my belief that the destruction of the Maine was due to accident on the same information published as has the public. I have no other information than that, and so far as I know any private citizen is as well informed as the government concerning the cause of the accident. The policy of the administration seems to be wisely conservative. I cannot say what congress will do in the event of decisive action by the president, but as for myself, he will have my enthusiastic support."

Ports to be closed. A total number of 153, against 269 last week 258 in the corresponding week of 1897, 271 in 1896, 224 in 1895 and 272 in 1894.

#### A HOLOCAUST.

Nine Lives Lost in a Blaze in Charleston Early This Morning.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 26.—Nine lives were lost in a fearful fire which raged for a short while in Church street this morning. At 2:10 a policeman noticed sparks flying from a tenement house, and found a blaze issuing from one of the windows on the first floor. The doors were broken open and the members of the family on that floor were hurried out without any damage.

Somebody yelled that a family of women were sleeping on the third floor. The police hastened upstairs, but when they reached the top story the lifesaving work was stopped by the flames, which seemed to be playing over the entire building.

Screams from women were heard and an officer pulled out three charred bodies. The quick work of the fire department checked the fire and it was soon under control, but not before nine lives on the third story had been lost.

The dead are: Mrs. Rebecca Knickmeyer, Albert O'Neal, Caswell O'Neal, Josephine Knickmeyer, 17 years of age; Katie Knickmeyer, 16 years; Leonora Knickmeyer, 9 years; Francis Knickmeyer, 6 years; Lillie Knickmeyer, 3 years; a baby of Mrs. Knickmeyer, one month old.

**Session of the Senate.**

Washington, Feb. 26.—Henry W. Corbett's right to a seat in the senate from Oregon was under consideration by the senate for five hours. Mr. Spooner concluded the speech which began Thursday in favor of Mr. Corbett, and was followed by Mr. Teller, Mr. Allen and Mr. Turley, with speeches in opposition and Mr. Turner in favor of seating him.

## BY TELEGRAPH. PRECEDENTS DISCUSSED

### Action of this Country if Maine Disaster Was Not an Accident. More Soldiers Offered.

Washington, Feb. 26.—In the event that it may be shown that the loss of the Maine was due to Spanish agency, the records have been examined as to the mode of procedure in such cases in the past. In a general way these methods of redress have included demands for indemnity, proclamations excluding warships of the offending nations from our harbors, display of force, non-intercourse, withdrawal of our ministers, reprisal and blockade.

The case of the *Water Witch* is considered to be the most analogous to that of the Maine, should it be established that the disaster was not the result of accident. The *Water Witch* was a United States ship engaged in 1855 in surveying the entrance to a river of Paraguay. Without warning and by order of President Lopez of Paraguay, troops opened fire on the *Water Witch*, killing the man at the helm and wounding others. Intense feeling was aroused in the United States when the fact became known. The president reported the facts to congress and in his message asked authority to make a demonstration of force which would ensure suitable redress. Congress authorized him to "use such force as is necessary" to secure ample reparation. Accordingly an armed fleet was hastily assembled. The expedition included 13 armed ships, 26 heavy guns, 2500 sailors and marines. It made a formidable showing in the South American waters, and President Lopez's government was awed at once into submission. The American commissioners and naval officers were received at Asuncion with much honor and every reparation within the power of the republic was given. This included an object apology, a sweeping disavowal and \$10,000 for the sufferers from the outrage. When the facts of the expedition were reported to congress, the president stated that the dispatch of this fleet had had a salutary influence throughout the world, and had convinced foreign nations that the United States would protect the lives of its citizens with all the force at its command.

The case of the firing on the United States Chesapeake by the British *Leopard* is another case affecting a precedent as to the government's mode of action. The Chesapeake was proceeding to sea when she was hailed by the commander of the *Leopard* with a demand that British deserters be surrendered. The American commander refused to comply, whereupon the *Leopard* first fired a shot across the bow of the Chesapeake and followed this with two broadsides. The American commander was severely wounded, three sailors were killed outright and many were wounded. Being unprepared for action, it being a time of peace, the American commander surrendered. Tremendous excitement prevailed in the United States over this outrage. President Madison speedily issued a proclamation excluding British

warships from American ports. He also caused energetic protests and demands to be presented at London. The British authorities promptly recalled the admiral under whom the outrage had been perpetrated and without request tendered indemnity sufficient to support the wives and families of those who had been killed and wounded.

In a later case, the American *Prometheus* was fired upon in the harbor of Greytown. The ship had declined to pay excessive port charges imposed by the king of the Mosquito company, then controlling the country under a British protectorate. The king called on the British warship, *Express*, to sustain his demands, and the *Express* promptly sent a broadside into the *Prometheus*. There were no persons killed, but the United States made a prompt demand for reparation. The British government gave this in the fullest manner and without question, disavowing the act and condemning the act of the officer of the *Express*.

**More Offers of Soldiers.**

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 26.—Gen. H. B. Campson, late brigadier-general of the Oregon national guard, has sent the following message to the Oregon delegation in congress: "In event of war with Spain, I request you to tender my services to the president. I agree to furnish two regiments of infantry, one regiment of cavalry and a battery of artillery, to be called the Oregon brigade."

Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 26.—At a meeting of Company A, 1st regiment, I. N. G., a resolution was unanimously passed denouncing Spanish butcheries in Cuba and cowardice in destroying the Maine, and offering to volunteer their services in case of war with Spain.

**Riots in Spain.**

Salamanca, Spain, Feb. 26.—A crowd of 3,000 workmen accompanied by women carrying flags, paraded the streets today shouting for work and bread. Many houses were stoned and considerable wheat was stolen. The authorities promised to find work for the unemployed.

**Private War in Africa.**

London, Feb. 26.—The West African war scene of a week ago has crumbled, hardly leaving an echo. If there is any fighting it will be on the initiative of the Royal Niger company, which proposes that French troops in the company's territory shall be promptly ejected by company troops. The company, unlike the government, has a comparatively free hand, being in the position of an individual ejecting trespassers on his own property. The company intends to act vigorously.

**Went Down and Out.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—Abe Ullman of Baltimore was knocked out in the third round by Jack Bonner of Summit Hill, Pa., last night. Bonner was the aggressor throughout. He led off in the first with several lefts on the stomach, but did no damage. In the second there was a rapid exchange of rights and lefts, and Ullman got his left on Jack's face twice.

Bonner was still doing all the work, however, and went in for business in the third. After jabbing at the Baltimore boy's stomach he sent two straight lefts to the jaw; they clinched, and immediately after the break a right swing caught Ullman hard on the jaw, and he went down and out. The contest was to have been six rounds.

**Australian Knocked Out.**

Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 26.—In a 20-round contest at Gwynett's circus last evening between Will Curley of Birmingham and Billy Murphy, the Australian, for a purse of £175 and a side bet of £100, Curley knocked the Australian out in 12 rounds.

**An Official Denial.**

Washington, Feb. 26.—In view of the widely published report that the harbor of Havana contains a system of submarine mines, a statement around which centered the public interest in connection with the disaster to the Maine, Mr. Du Bose, Spanish charge of affairs in Washington, made the following statement, which, coming from such authority, may be considered as an official denial: "I wish to state on my own official knowledge that no mine exists inside or outside of Havana harbor, nor is there any submarine defense of any kind. The report is so absolutely false and ridiculous that it could only have originated in the mind of those persons anxious to incite the evil passions of both nations for their own miserable ends. I consider the very suggestion of such a thing an insult to Spain."

**Five More of Burial.**

Washington, Feb. 26.—The friends of the victims of the Maine disaster have discovered that they cannot have their bodies brought to this country in cases where they have already been interred, as the Spanish laws forbid the exhumation of corpses until the expiration of five years after burial. The prohibition had its origin in the fear of infection from contagious diseases.

## Saturday!

Feb. 26 is Opening Day at Cutting Corner for the celebrated Dunlap hats. Our stock of Dunlap Crush Hats at \$2.50 includes black and brown shades. Dunlap tourists at \$5 come in pearl, pecan and black. Dunlap stiff hats at \$3.50 and \$5 in three proportions come in black and pecan shades. Dunlap Silk Hats cost \$6 and are top-notch for wear and style.

### Opening Day

we show for the first time this season many entirely new and exclusive novelties in hats and caps. Our entire line of blocks and colorings in the Cutting, Guyer and Franklin will be shown for the first time, and at \$3 and \$2.50 have no equals. \$2, 1.50 and 1 are popular prices met in a convincing way by crowding double value in each hat and giving our guarantee of money back if you want it with each sale. Soft Hats, Tourist Hats, Golf Caps, Yacht Caps and shelves loaded with Children's Hats and Caps in our Boys Dept. make an attractive store for you to visit.

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Every description of Insurance.

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MAN IS A REASONABLE BEING. Recognizing this fact, we want to reason with him regarding his laundry. Wouldn't you rather have your collars and cuffs made white and clean-looking? Wouldn't you rather have your laundry come home promptly on the day promised? Wouldn't you rather have the laundry do your work that was the most modern machinery, etc. If you would, drop us a postal or telephone 241-4, and our wagons will call.

**Custom Hand Laundry.**  
A. E. ELLIS, Proprietor.  
Rear of Loneragan & Bissall's. Telephone 241-4.

**Just a word about Spring Suits and Overcoats--**

THE TIME to order either is now. Everything is ready—tape-measure, shears, needle and thread. All wait the word from you to begin work upon one of the many sorts of new Spring Goods which we are now showing.

**SUITS—15, 16, 18, 20, and \$25.**  
**TROUSERS—3.50, 4, 5, 6, 7, and \$8.**

Made to order and perfect satisfaction guaranteed.

**American Tailor, 31 Eagle St.**

**A CARLOAD OF "Benson's Best" Flour**

THE BEST FLOUR we know of, came last week. Two kinds—Pastry and Bread, made from selected wheat and sold under this guarantee: If it doesn't please we take it back. Out of 250 barrels sold only two have failed to give satisfaction. Once tried, it will be used always.

**CITY CASH GROCERY,**  
Corner Main and Marshall. F. E. BENSON, Prop.



# AT WILLIAMSTOWN

**To Hold a Union Memorial Service—  
A Practice that Must Be Stopped**  
—Bray Will Run Again in Boston—He Loves the Hills—Coasting Without Sleds.

**He Loves the Berkshire Hills.**

Rev. John Denison, Jr., of New York is a true lover of the Berkshire hills. He is a native of this town and finds nowhere else anything to compete with its charming scenery. He came Friday, accompanied by a friend, and the two were at once driven by S. H. Roberts to the Hopper, where they mounted snow shoes and tramped to the summit of Bald mountain, one of Mr. Denison's favorite resorts when among these hills. It is one of the most charming and inspiring spots in all Berkshire, and Mr. Denison's love for it reveals a true appreciation of the beauty and grandeur of nature as here displayed. He said Friday that he and his friend had come from the city merely "to get a breath of fresh air," and they returned to New York today. Mr. Denison is the son of Dr. John Denison of this town and a graduate of Williams college. He is now pastor of the Church of Sea and Land in New York city.

## Union Memorial Service.

A union memorial service will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock for the late Miss Frances Willard, for many years so prominent in the work of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The speakers will be Dr. John Bascom, Rev. R. A. Robinson, A. E. Hall and Rev. Edward Wilson. The service will be one of special interest and without doubt the church will be crowded. On account of this service the third in the series of sermons to young people by Rev. Mr. Wilson will be postponed for one week and there will be no evening service at the Congregational church.

## The Practice Must Stop.

Complaints have been made that some of the boys who sell the TRANSCRIPT in this town have been interfering with other boys in the same business by hiding their papers or kicking the bundles about and mistaking them so as to spoil them for sale. This has been done on one or more occasions when the persecuted boys have not been promptly on hand when the carrier arrived which brought the papers, with the result that some readers were deprived of their TRANSCRIPTS. This led to immediate inquiry and much indignation when the cause became known, and the practice must be stopped at once or there will be unpleasant consequences.

## Coasting Without Sleds.

A party of small boys were enjoying coasting in a novel way Friday afternoon down the steep bank west of the college chapel. They used no sleds, skates, toboggans or other device, but the bodies of one another. One boy would lie down and from one to three others would pile upon him thus sliding to the foot of the bank. They evidently considered it great sport, but the mothers who have their clothes to repair will probably take a different view of the matter.

## Bray Will Run.

The second annual indoor meet of the Boston College Athletic association will be held in Boston Monday night. The special events will be a 40-yards dash and a 1000-yards run. Williams will send a relay team to run against Amherst. Bray, '00, will run the mile race in the recent B. A. A. meet, will run in the 1000-yards race.

## Leased an Albany Hotel.

Frank K. McLaughlin has leased the Globe hotel in Albany, being the premises now occupied by James A. Honck & Son, and the saloon of Nicholas Oliver, No. 3 South Pearl street, in addition. He recently sold out the St. James hotel in Utica which he had run for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boardman of North Adams are spending a few days with relatives in town.

A fine large deer was seen Thursday by Samuel Walden and other men who were chopping in Treadwell hollow.

A horse driven by L. Galusha of Bee Hill cut one of his ankles badly in this village Thursday. The wound was dressed by Dr. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Till and Mrs. Legor Williams of Amherst are visiting friends in town.

Rev. Dr. Meredith of Brooklyn, N. Y., will preach in the college chapel Sunday morning and address the Young Men's Christian association in the evening.

Dr. John Bascom will address the seniors Sunday afternoon at 4.45 o'clock.

The Williams College Dramatic association will soon give out the parts for the play to be given May 29.

Thomas McMahon is taking down the shed that was damaged last Sunday by the storm and will erect a larger one. The new building will be two stories high and the upper story will be used as a storeroom for wagons in winter and sleighs in summer.

A vitagraph entertainment will be the next in the Thompson course and will be given in Goodrich hall Thursday evening, March 3.

The 10-cent supper served Friday evening at Grand Army hall and Clark chapel were well patronized.

Nothing is heard about the new depot lately and it is probable that work will not begin until the snow is off the ground. A cow was sold the other day by Fred M. Northrup for \$80. This is a big price for these times, but the cow is an extra good one.

Tickets for the course of lectures to be delivered at the Methodist church in March are selling rapidly and the success of the course seems to be already assured. J. T. Wells has received a soda fountain from A. D. Puffer & Sons of Boston and it will soon be placed in position, though it will not go into use until the arrival of warm weather.

## A Problem Solved.

### ANOTHER GORDIAN KNOT CUT.

A Discovery Invaluable to the Science of Medicine.

An Invention That Will Be of Benefit to Thousands of People.

There is no doubt about the value of Vinol, this new form of cod liver oil, concerning which so much has been said lately. It is just another one of those great inventions that is bound to revolutionize a certain branch of science. This time the science is that of saving lives. Hence the greater good that will be derived from this discovery.

Mr. C. C. Isbell of the Wilson House drug store of this city, who so fortunately succeeded in associating himself with a prominent New York firm, has indeed made his name one that will never be forgotten in our city. His foresight and shrewdness enable him to take advantage of what has proved to be a most wonderful blessing to all who are in need of medicine for the cure of throat, lung and bronchial troubles, as well as wasting diseases of every description.

This Vinol is simply cod liver oil in a new form, cod liver oil without any oil, paradoxical as the statement may sound. In other words, as Mr. Isbell explains it himself, Vinol is the concentrated essence containing all the active medicinal principles found in the liver of the live cod, without any of the objectionable features that were formerly extracted at the same time, such as fatty matter. The extract which is the basis of Vinol becomes tasteless, administered as it is in a delicate table wine. The efficient manner in which it acts is really wonderful. Physicians are now able to prescribe for patients Vinol where it would have been impossible a short time ago to have recommended cod liver oil, on account of the depleted condition of the patient's digestive organs.

This has always been a drawback that has prevented more cures being effected where cod liver oil has been indicated. Patients are now able to take this medicine without the slightest inconvenience. In fact, to take delicious Vinol is a pleasure. Its beneficial effect is most gratifying.

It is not often we believe it our duty to expatiate so fully on a subject, but this is one that will admit of careful investigation by all, for it is indeed of the gravest importance that every one should become conversant with a remedy that is so often needed in our bleak climate.

"If you are going to build you need a plan." For good ideas, at reasonable prices, employ Arthur G. Lindley, architect, 8 Church street.

## A Fairy Godfather.

Jan. 17 was fairy godfather's day at the Baker Chocolate works in Milton, Mass. On that evening was distributed the \$48,000 left by the will of the late Henry L. Pierce to the employees of the business of which he was manager. Two hundred and forty-five men and 185 women met the officers of the corporation in a large room in one of the mills, and after a supper and some discourse from Mr. Pierce's executor each received a check for \$100. The oldest employee received a special legacy of \$2,000. It is not recalled that there was ever a testator whose testamentary provisions gave more acute satisfaction to more of his personal acquaintances than those of Mr. Pierce. There has been no audible grumbling about his will. He did everything that was expected of him and a great deal that was not expected, surprising very many people and disappointing none—unless possibly some members of one of the learned professions, for as yet there has been no hint of a lawsuit over his will. The will ran over with miscellaneous kindness and benevolence.

Mr. Pierce ought to have kept a school for testators whose purposes were philanthropic. If Stephen Girard, A. T. Stewart, Samuel Tilden and Daniel B. Ayerweather could have sat under his instructions awhile, the memory of all of them would be sweeter, and the general public would be a gainer by a good many millions of useful money. Is there not some one living who has had experience of wills and is competent, by disposition and knowledge, to open such a class for the instruction of testators? Might not Mr. Carnegie undertake it or Mr. Pierpont Morgan?—Harper's Weekly.

## A Counterstroke.

"We're ruined," exclaimed the editor, "utterly ruined!"  
"Why, what's the matter now?"  
"We advertised sheet music as a premium to subscribers, didn't we?"  
"We did."  
"Well, our miserable contemporary over the way is giving away pianos to play it on."—Atlanta Constitution.

## Very Close Indeed.

"This gentleman," said the phonologist at the open air performance, "is a close observer—very close observer."  
"So much so," continued the phonologist, "that I doubt exceedingly if he would have been here tonight had we charged any admission fee."—New York Journal.

The four principal diamond mines of the Kimberly district employ about 8,000 persons. From 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 carats are turned out each year, and up to 1892 ten tons of diamonds, valued at \$200,000,000, had come from these mines.

## SOFT REBUTTALS.

Henry Ward Beecher used to tell this story of the way in which his teacher of mathematics taught him to depend upon himself.

"I was sent to the blackboard and went, uncertain, full of whispering."  
"That lesson must be learned," said my teacher in a very quiet tone, but with a terrible intensity. All explanations and excuses he took underfoot with utter scornfulness. "I want that problem. I don't want any reasons why you haven't it," he would say.

"I did study two hours."  
"That's nothing to me. I want the lesson. You need not study it at all, or you may study it ten hours, just to suit yourself. I want the lesson."

"It was tough for a green boy, but it seasoned me. In less than a month I had the most intense sense of intellectual independence and courage to defend my resolutions."

"One day his cold, calm voice fell upon me in the midst of a demonstration. 'No!' I hesitated and then went back to the beginning, and overhauling the same point again 'No!' uttered in a tone of conviction, barred my progress."

"The next I and I set down in red confusion."  
"He, too, was stopped with 'No!' but went right on, finished, and as he sat down was rewarded with 'Very well.'"

"Why," whispered I, "I repeated it just as he did, and you said 'No!'"

"Why didn't you say 'Yes' and stick to it? It is not enough to know your lesson; you must know that you know it. You have learned nothing till you are sure. If all the world says 'No!' your business is to say 'Yes' and prove it."—Good Stories.

## Looking Indian.

Somebody dropped a stickpin in the hall the other day and had hard work to find it. She hunted high and low, and on her hands and knees, and with a candle specially procured for the purpose, but it was no use; the pin was very tiny and unperceivable, its value being that of association rather than size or brilliancy. The somebody, after a final shake of the rugs, was just about to give it up forever when one of the children came to come along. "Why don't you look 'Indian' for it?" he asked. Before the somebody realized what was meant down dropped the youngster on the floor, his head and his whole body lying sidewise and just as close to the dead level as possible. In this position his eyes roved rapidly over the floor. "I have it," he shouted presently, and sure enough, right in the middle of the floor, in so plain a place that it had escaped notice, was the missing stickpin. The youngster then explained that "looking Indian" meant putting the head to the ground in order to catch sight of the smallest object between oneself and the horizon. "They do it on the plains all the time," he said. "That's why they call it 'looking Indian'." But it works in houses just as well as on the plains. Why, we never lose anything in the nursery nowadays—we just "look Indian" and find it right off."—New York Sun.

## The World.

This world is not a very fine place for a good many of the people in it. But I've made up my mind it isn't to be the worse for me if I can help it. They tell me I can't alter the world—that there must be a certain number of sneaks and robbers in it, and if I don't fit in with somebody else will. Well, then, somebody else shall, for I won't.—Felix Holt (George Eliot).

## The Artist and His Work.

The life of a painter, above all of a portrait painter, is one long succession of such problems, varying with the nature of the subject in kind and degree of difficulty. It follows naturally that his processes must vary, too, requiring a longer or shorter time in the working out, for which no infallible rule will serve him. In mechanical labor the rate of the machine's pulse may be gauged with certainty, the moment of completion accurately fixed beforehand. But it is not so in art. There all depends upon conditions that seem to be hourly changing. The mood of the artist, his distrust of the scheme attempted or his entire confidence in it; the state of his nerves, of his general health, nay, even the state of the weather, all affect his work. One day it advances well, but on the next self criticism steps in to impede him, and he gains nothing. The scoffing Philistine ascribes these halts and retrogressions to the weakness of the artistic temperament. Yet they are due to the work rather than to the workman; to the fact that he follows an art and not a trade. No artist can be entirely exempt from this oppressive influence, which arises afresh at each new effort with as many heads as Hydra. There are those, indeed, who estimate the value of their product by the depth and number of the despair it has engendered.—T. R. Sullivan in Scribner's.

## AFTER ONE THING.

**A Philosopher's Statement That Happiness is the One Object of Life.**

Did you ever think of it that happiness, the pursuit of, attainment to, and possession of happiness is the one great prevailing and animating motive of humanity.

Every act has for its immediate or far away object, happiness. This is the goal, alike of the child at play, the burglar at his nefarious occupation, or the business man striving for gain.

The statement will bear careful thought and then comes the thought that unless we keep health, we cannot secure happiness, no matter how much money we earn or what position of prominence we attain to.

When one steps upon the springy sod and into the warm sunlight or on an early day in June, while the soft teasing breeze strokes the cheek, the birds chatter to tell how happy they are, and all through ones being silently courses a sturdy indescribable sense of perfect bounding health and nervous poise, the value of that health is better appreciated when one realizes that without health all these fascinations of Mother Nature would appear cold and flat.

Peace and happiness are worth more than much gold. The true road to what we all strive for, happiness, is to first seek and hold fast to health. If daily ailments affect you try change of diet rather than drugging. No drugs on earth will bring health unless the cause of the disorder is removed. Try leaving off coffee for 10 days to a month. It is an unsuspected enemy to a large number of people.

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(I trust the word sufficiently explains.)

Has decency so far gone out of fashion That you must needs, to catch the English folk, Dip for your plots in troubled pools of passion And bait your lines with spicy equivokes?

Why are your personages so full blooded? Why nail such scorching colors to your mast And hold aloft as "also who must be studied" The lady of the apologetic past?—Cotsford Dick in "The Ways of the World."

## CHAPLAINS IN THE NAVY.

Branch of Service Regarding Which but Little is Known.

Beyond the main fact that a clergyman is always to be found on board a man-of-war the public knows hardly anything of chaplains in the navy. This is not due, however, to the unimportance of the corps. At present every chaplain, with a single exception, is actively employed either on a man-of-war or at an important shore station. The secretary of the navy declares that the work of a chaplain is very highly appreciated on shipboard by most of the commanding officers and that the moral effect of their influence upon the men is noticeably good. There are but 84 chaplains in the entire service, and acquaintance with the personnel of the corps leads one to believe that the standard of fitness has been kept high by the appointing power. The regulations require that an applicant as chaplain be between the ages of 21 and 25 years and a minister in good standing in his denomination. In addition to these qualifications practice requires the hearty and unequivocal indorsement of high ecclesiastical authorities, who are willing to assume a good degree of moral responsibility for the appointment. Political influence of a high order may be used to bring the applicant to the attention of the president and secretary of the navy, but can avail very little beyond this. The chaplain, once appointed, ranks as a commissioned officer of the staff, messes in the wardroom when on shipboard and is entitled to a private stateroom in the wardroom quarters.

He wears no uniform and in this is the sole exception to the rule which obtains on all the ships of our navy and applies to all officers and enlisted men, from the admiral of the fleet to the humblest mess attendant. Nothing frivolous is involved in this discrimination, and it is to be presumed that if a majority of the chaplains were to ask for a uniform it would be granted. The chaplains as a rule dress in ordinary clerical suits, the coats close buttoned, and in blouse or frock, according to circumstances. In conducting divine service each chaplain is permitted to employ the order used in his own denomination and may also use the vestments of his church, if any.—Chicago Chronicle.

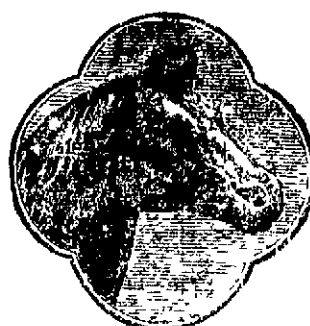
## Where to Find It.

Two sons of Erin shared the same bed as well as the same bottle of whiskey. Pat waited till he found Mike asleep, when he quietly arose and emptied the bottle. Soon after Mike, waking, stole out of bed and groping about in the dark, was asked by his companion: "Phwat are yez lookin' for, Mike?"

"Oh, nothin'," says Mike.  
"Well, Mike," says Pat, "ye'll find it over there in the corner in the bottle."—Chicago News.

## The Reason.

Ethel—Isn't it strange that Flossie attracts such intellectual men?  
Maud—Oh, no! She told me she always planned her gowns when they talk to her, and that gives her face that interested expression.—Harper's Bazar.



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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

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Office hours of the Agent of the Board of Health from 10.30 a. m. to 12 m. and from 1.30 until 3 p. m.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having residences in the city must clear the sidewalks in front of their residences of snow and ice within 18 hours of the time of snow fall or ice formation. Neglect to comply with this order will make any offender subject to the law's penalty. By order of COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

## COASTING NOTICE.

The commissioner of public works, J. H. Smith, has set aside the following streets on which coasting will be permitted: Hall, Meadow, Lawrence avenue, East Brooklyn, Walnut, south of corner, East Main, east of Kemp avenue and Dover street.

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# AT ADAMS

## CHURCH NOTES.

### Universalist.

The pastor's Sunday morning subject will be, "The Golden Rule in Religion and Business." In the evening at 7 p.m. will preach on "What Manner of Man Was Jesus?"

### Methodist.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening as usual.

The regular meeting of the Epworth league will be held Sunday evening, and Miss Hattie Whitman will lead. The subject will be, "Temperance in All Things." The regular church supper will be served next Tuesday evening.

### Baptist.

The pastor will preach tomorrow at the usual hours of service. His theme in the morning will be "The Supreme Business of the Christian." In the evening he will discuss "The Ideal Christian Life."

The regular meeting of the Young People's union will be held Sunday evening and Mrs. H. B. Fossitt will lead. The topic will be "China, the Stronghold of Paganism."

Supper will be served by the ladies Tuesday evening at 6.30 o'clock.

Regular church prayer meeting next Tuesday evening.

### Zionite Chapel.

Rev. Miles B. Fisher will conduct the Sunday services.

### St. Thomas.

A forty hours devotion will begin Sunday with a solemn high mass at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. J. F. McGrath will preach. In the evening at 7 o'clock Rev. J. M. Varrilly of Pittsfield will preach. Monday morning there will be masses at 4.45, 6, 7, and 8 o'clock. In the evening at 7.30 Rev. J. J. Fallon of Williamstown will preach. The masses Tuesday morning will be the same as on Monday except the 8 o'clock which will be a solemn high mass and will close the service. Confessions will be heard Sunday afternoon by the local and visiting priests.

Wednesday evening regular Lenten services will be held and Rev. Robert E. Freeman of Holyoke will preach. At Friday evening service Rev. Fr. Burke will begin a series of sermons to be given each Friday evening during Lent.

### Capt. Powers Made the Presentation

Michael J. Powers of this town had the honor of presenting Adrian Anson, for many years captain of the Chicago baseball team, with a gift in behalf of the college he attends. When the students of Notre Dame college at Notre Dame, Ind., were engaged in the presentation of a flag Tuesday, Capt. Anson and his wife arrived at the institution. Anson is one of the boys of '89. He played his first baseball there. In the afternoon the college stock company presented "A Night Out." Anson and his wife were present. Between the first and second acts Michael J. Powers, the captain of Notre Dame baseball team, stepped upon the stage, carrying a 38-inch silver bat neatly encased in a silken bag of gold and blue. Mr. Powers formerly welcomed Capt. Anson as a ball player, and as a testimonial of the constant interest of Notre Dame men in his career he presented the bat to him. Amid college yells and prolonged applause Capt. Anson expressed his gratitude for the gift. Mr. Powers will finish his course at this college next June. It is probable that he will then enter the national league and play during the summer. Later he will take a course in the study of medicine.

### The Village Aroused.

The whole village on the east side of the Center street bridge was thoroughly aroused about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, when an exciting dog fight took place. A large brown dog that followed a team from North Adams wandered into W. S. Jenks' yard and up to a side piazza of the house. Mr. Jenks' two house dogs, a bulldog and a fox terrier, immediately pounced on the big fellow, and he fell to the piazza floor. For fully 10 minutes the bulldog chewed the intruder, and the fox terrier tried to bite off his ear. The noise that was made caused every man, woman and child in the vicinity to get out and wonder. Mrs. Jenks and her children were badly frightened, and the dog fight indicated that the Spaniards had swooped down upon the town. F. D. Field ended the trouble by applying a horsewhip to the canines.

### Mr. Brame to Leave Town.

Hugh Brame, proprietor of the Adams steam laundry, has accepted a position as overseer of the laundry in a large shirt factory at Jackson, Mich. C. E. Buffington, who left here a few weeks ago, is superintendent of the factory and it was he who sent for Mr. Brame. The latter worked for Mr. Buffington at the Greylock shirt shop and is an experienced and first class workman. Jeremiah Barry has bought an interest in the local steam laundry and will conduct the business. Mr. Brame is a young man who has won many friends here and while all are glad to know of his new position, he will be missed from a large social circle. He will leave town Monday morning.

### "Stealing Hides" Is Dangerous.

Frank Zeise, seven years old, had a narrow escape from serious injury Friday afternoon. He had just been dismissed from the Renfrew school and was on his way home. He saw a wood team passing and tried to climb onto the side of the sleigh. He lost his hold and slipped beneath the floor of the heavily loaded sleigh. He was dragged about 50 yards when the cries of spectators caused the driver to stop his team and the little fellow was carried away badly frightened.

### Chin Badly Cut.

Gustavo Haas, an employee in the carpenter shop at the Renfrew company's mill at Renfrew, sustained a painful injury Wednesday. He was sawing some boards, used in making boxes, when a

large splinter flew from the saw and struck him in the chin. It inflicted a deep cut which bled profusely.

Arthur Ezekiel of the Adams Freeman will spend Sunday at his home in Norwich, Conn.

John L. Burt visited friends in Cheshire Friday.

### The Loves of an Architect.

The architect, says Russell Storgis in The Atlantic, must possess a love of building, and of heavy stones, and of good bricks, and of stout, solid walls and of handsome timbers, handsomely out and framed. He must even love the new material, wrought and rolled iron and steel, for its great and as yet only partly known capabilities. When one is asked by a would be student of architecture about his (the student's) chances of succeeding as an architect, it is very good to find out what his proclivities are and whether he is merely interested in fine art and seized with the idea that architecture is an easy, fine art to study and to practice.

The architect should love the quarries and should visit them with eager curiosity. The cleavage of stone and its appearance in its natural bed should be not only a delight to him, but an object of close study. The architect should love the lumber yard, not to say the forest. To him the timber in itself should be a thing delightful to study and its possible uses delightful to contemplate. The architect should love the brickyard, and experiments in cements and in mortars should be his holiday amusement. And, finally, the architect must have such an eye and such a soundness of judgment that bad work cannot escape him. A familiarity with details not unlike that of a good master builder he must combine with a knowledge of principles and of possibilities far beyond that of the master builder, so that good work will come to his buildings as of inevitable sequence, and bad or even slighted work will be impossible in them.

### Goldsmith's Poverty.

In 1788, two years after Goldsmith returned from his wanderings on the continent, he presented himself at Surgeons' hall for examination as a hospital mate, with the view of entering the army or navy, but he suffered the mortification of being rejected as unqualified. That he might appear before the examining surgeon suitably dressed Goldsmith obtained a new suit of clothes, for which Griffiths, the publisher of The Monthly Review, became security. The clothes were to be returned immediately when the purpose was served, or the debt was to be discharged. Poor Goldsmith, having failed in his object and probably distressed by urgent want, pawned the clothes. The publisher threatened, and Goldsmith replied:

"I know of no misery but a jail, to which my own imprudence and your letter seem to point. I have seen it inevitable these three or four weeks and, by heavens, request it as a favor—a favor that may prevent something more fatal. I have been some years struggling with a wretched being, with all that contempt and indignance bring with it, with all those strong passions which make contempt insupportable. What, then, has a jail that is formidable?"

Such was the hopelessness, the deep despair of this imprudent but amiable author who has added to the delight of millions and to the glory of English literature. —Exchange.

### Matrimonial Commandments.

Matrimony has ten commandments. These were studied out by Theodore Parker shortly before the day of his wedding. They took the form of ten beautiful resolutions, which he inscribed in his journal. They were as follows: First.—Never, except for the best reasons, to oppose my wife's will. Second.—To discharge all duties for her sake freely. Third.—Never to sulk. Fourth.—Never to look cross at her. Fifth.—Never to worry her with commandments. Sixth.—To promote her piety. Seventh.—To bear her burdens. Eighth.—To overlook her foibles. Ninth.—To save, cherish and forever defend her. Tenth.—To remember her always in my prayers. Thus, God willing, we shall be blessed.

### Rebuked.

A car conductor who wished to assist a very stout, middle aged lady to board and enter the car felt utterly abashed and rebuked when she said scornfully: "Keep your hands off my back, will you? If you ain't got no manners, I'll see if I can't learn you some!"

And as she walked unsteadily to a vacant seat she said for the benefit of the other passengers:

"It makes me so mad to have these here conductors call me 'lady' an be so familiar ev'ry way, an I guess I've learned one of 'em a lesson!" —Detroit Free Press.

### Circumstantial Evidence.

Sherlock Holmes (at the theater)—That woman in front of us has remarkably pretty teeth.

Dr. Cubes—How do you know? You haven't seen her face. Sherlock Holmes—But she has laughed incessantly ever since the curtain went up. —Chicago News.

### New York Babies.

There are 90,000 babies born in the city of New York every year. They number 250 a day, or one each six minutes. Take them out together for an airing, and the row of baby carriages would extend up the Hudson to Albany, 150 miles. —Current Literature.

### No Need.

"Do you know, I don't think much of Mawson."

"You don't have to. You can size Mawson up in two seconds." —Harlem Life.

## OUR NEW YORK LETTER

MOW WILLIAM H. CRANE BEGAN HIS STAGE CAREER AS A SINGER.

Ada Rehan and Her Early Appearances With Oliver Doud Byron of "The Villain Still Pursued Him" Fame and the Vokes—The Change in Her Name.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—[Special.]—It is said on first class authority that in spite of the bad theatrical business in some parts of the country New York's places of amusement were never better patronized than this winter and that with one or two exceptions all the theaters are now making good money.

William H. Crane, now appearing nightly in "A Virginian Courtship," is one of those who are doing best financially. He is already mightily well fixed from a money viewpoint, being one of the four or five richest American actors. While he looks hardly old enough for the statement to be correct, he has been on the boards since 1863, and though the fact is doubtless forgotten by most folk save the older critics and theater goers, he began as a singer with the Holman Opera company.

Crane's Wig and Long Gown. Crane began at the bottom, too, his pay being nothing at all in the way of wages, though it was stipulated that he should receive board and clothes, including his stage costumes, and that his expenses when on the road should be paid by his employers. Not every ambitious young man of today would be content to enter upon an apprenticeship of that sort, no matter how much he was in love with the profession he expected to learn, especially if the apprenticeship were by stipulation to last two full years as this one was.

But Crane accepted the situation joyfully, served out the term with faithfulness and to this day delights to recount some of the adventures of those years. Perhaps the most amusing of all these adventures—though not at the time entertaining to Crane—began on the night of his first appearance on any stage in one of the interior cities. Although the Holmans got his services for so little, they must even then have believed there was something of more than ordinary promise in the lad, for instead of putting him in the chorus, where his individuality would be lost, they gave him the part of the Notary in one of the operas then most popular.

Crane himself, as he tells the story, was vastly proud of his chance and went upon the stage with all the confidence imaginable. But a haughty spirit goeth before a fall, and the proverb was proved true before he had sung a line, for he tripped on his notary gown, which was too long, and lost his notary wig, which was too large, thus bringing down the house with a roar, though not at all in the way he wished. To make the matter worse, there was a young reporter in the audience who wrote up the mishap for the morning paper, and the whole town was laughing at the young singer next day. Stage fright was something Crane had never thought of before, but he says that he suffered all his agonies when he went on the next night and has never since been able to rid himself entirely of his sensations.

There is no doubt of the accuracy of his story, for Crane's press agent told it to me as long ago as 1895, though it seems to have been almost completely forgotten of late. One version used to add that he wanted to trash the young reporter, but that on visiting him for that purpose he so completely disarmed him by his good nature that the two became friends for life. This latter I can vouch for, and whenever Crane sees the newspaper man—now a gray haired veteran of the press and almost as prosperous as the actor—in his audience he plays with even more than his ordinary vim and snap, if that be possible. Ada Crehan, Ada C. Rehan, Ada Rehan.

There is a story about the early theatrical days of Ada Rehan, whose Peggy in "The Country Girl" is interesting New York theater goes this week, that, though not dating back so far as the Crane story and never circulated by her press agent—for the sufficient reason, if for no other, that she supports no such luxury—may interest her admirers.

Although her first dramatic work of much consequence was done in Louisville, her very first appearance was across the North river and the Jersey marshes, in Newark, some 24 years ago. She was then a mere child of a girl, and her sister, Kate Crehan, the wife of Oliver Doud Byron, was playing in "Across the Continent" or some melodrama of similar grade, with her irrepressible husband. It is hard to associate the charming Miss Rehan with Doud's "and the villain still pursued

him," and in truth she appeared with his company for one or two nights only, her sister at that time being averse to Ada going on the stage at all.

It was some years later that the family name of Crehan was metamorphosed into Rehan. Mr. Daly's present leading lady was then an insignificant member of Mrs. Drew's Arch Street Theater company in Philadelphia. The manner of the metamorphosis has been ingeniously explained on the basis that a blunderer wrote her name Ada C. Rehan in the copy for the playbill, that it was afterward agreed that Rehan was a prettier name than Crehan and that the error was therefore adopted with thanks as something practically providential. There is only one trouble with this explanation, and that is that her name certainly appeared on the earlier bills of her Philadelphia engagement as Ada Crehan, and while the change may have been made later during that engagement there are no playbills extant so printed as to prove it.

During that engagement, by the way, Miss Rehan played in a now long forgotten farce entitled "Stimpson & Co.," along with some members of the Vokes family, and this place was the prototype of "Fun in a Fog," which later and for years stood the Vokes in such good stead, and was followed by other evolutions along similar lines. With all due respect to the late Miss Rosina Vokes, who was entirely estimable and an artist in her line, it must be admitted that the notion of stately Miss Rehan having played in a Vokes piece is almost as incongruous as that she should ever have appeared on the stage with Oliver Doud Byron.

Miss Rehan's first appearance in New York under Daly's management was as Big Cleopatra in the dramatization of Zola's "L'Assommoir," that powerful and horrifying stage sermon on drunkenness that for some years was such a favorite with theater goers everywhere. That was 19 years ago, and Mr. Daly, who had been watching her work for several months, was moved finally to engage her because of the excellent support she gave as Mary Standish to Fanny Davenport when she was playing the leading part in a short production of Daly's own play of "Pique" in the Grand Opera House, this city.

### He Rides Free.

An English paper says that Bishop Elliott of Gloucester enjoys the privilege of being allowed to travel on any railway in England free of charge. This unusual favor was conferred upon him by the various officials in recognition of his heroic exertions in administering spiritual consolation to the dying victims in a railway accident near Tottenham, notwithstanding his own very serious injuries. This was while the bishop was still a young man.

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From the Seal of the city of North Adams.

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### THE WORKINGMAN'S CONDITION.

Has the condition of the workingmen really gotten worse, as is constantly asserted by the professional fault-finders in political life? The United States Commissioner of Labor thinks not, and he bases this conclusion upon a very careful study of the subject ranging through a long term of years. The Commissioner, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, in a recent article on the subject in the Forum, states that the number of unemployed people in the United States and in other parts of the world is now less than it was under the old system of production and hand labor, now displaced by machinery. He further shows that the average rate of wages now paid to labor is higher than under former conditions, while the introduction of machinery has greatly reduced the cost of the articles produced, thus giving a treble advantage to labor; first, in the number of people employed; second, in the wages paid; and, third, by a reduction in the prices of the articles manufactured and which they must purchase for their own use.

Are you drilling a little these days, just on the quiet?

Next Tuesday brings the city's real prospectus for the year's work.

The official investigation in Havana harbor has abandoned all hope of keeping up with imaginations of the correspondents.

The Treasury receipts in the first twenty-one days of February amounted to \$21,948,313, or an average of over one million dollars per day.

A great many people who heard Ex-President Benjamin Harrison in Chicago stood ready to have the question of the "Obligations of Wealth" settled upon them.

The druggists have turned their attention from pill making to bill making. But the sugar coating has worn off the law now under discussion between doctors and druggists.

Having demonstrated that Brown University is not subject to the presidency of any other man, President E. Benjamin Andrews is now willing that the Monroe doctrine should be modified.

Senor Sagasta desires to impress upon this proud and impulsive people the idea that if it becomes necessary for Spain to intervene in South Carolina it will be on the ground of common humanity.

The liability of cities for damages is being tested in a new way in Northampton. A boy was injured while riding without invitation on a road scraper. Question, is a city responsible for its small boys?

Andrew J. Seymour, formerly of Pittsfield and now a "Prof." wants to be buried alive for 90 days claiming that he learned the secret of suspended animation while in the enterprising county seat. And Pittsfield seems proud of the fact.

It is worthy of remark that the active preparations for possible calls on the army and militia which are filling the news dispatches are all "in the line of regular equipment, and on orders issued several months ago." Has there been negligence in following those orders till now, or is it a "bluff"?

The calamity walls of Mr. Bryan and his friends will be sorely appreciated in his own city, Omaha, where it is just announced that a \$2,000 charity fund has been on exhibition for the relief of the needy for a whole month and there have not been a sufficient number of applicants in that time to absorb it.

The conflict is irrepressible. It is evident that the members of the feminine world will be forced to take sides in the choice of headgear. There will be no dodging the issue. Now is the time to make up your minds, ladies. Bonnet or Audubonnet—birds or no birds—which shall it be?

Hard luck is pursuing the druggists from another source. The national government is rapidly doing away with its outside stamp offices, mostly in drug stores, which received \$24 a year for selling stamps. The druggists have to sell stamps anyway, by popular expectation, and have reason to be sad at this double attack by the doctors and the government.

Mexican silver dollars, which on January 1, 1897, were worth 83.7 cents, are to

day worth 4.35 cents. United States silver dollars, which on January 1, 1897, were worth 100 cents, are worth today 100 cents. That is the difference between free coinage and the system now in use in this country, and which the Republican party is unwilling to exchange for that under which Mexican dollars have fallen nearly one-half in value in seven years' time.

When any licensed enterprise becomes of such a nature as to require the constant attention of the police, it is time to consider the advisability of granting the license. A show which cannot be allowed to run without the supervision of a police officer in the interests of police morals, gives reason to believe that its usefulness as a public entertainer is past. If any one saloon were found to be of such a character that it was necessary to station a special officer in it constantly, the city would make short work of the license allowed it. A play house which has shown a continual tendency to be immoral as the police will allow, and has occasionally overstepped the limit, is not an institution which is safe for the city to play hide and seek with. This is true even where the show offers to pay the expenses of the city's representative in the game.

### A Generous Duchess.

It is generally agreed that the dominant note of the character of the late Duchess of Teck was her amiability, but that term does inadequate justice to the heart from which it sprang. She was charity itself and a wonderful organizer of charitable relief on a large scale.

It is said that she gave out of her own pocket a good fifth of the annual amount granted to her by parliament, and a story, vouched for by the St. James Budget, shows that she knew how to give on a small scale, to be generous in mind as well as with money.

There were to be some festivities at White Lodge, the Richmond residence of the duchess, and an invitation was sent to the secretary of a charity in which the duchess was interested. By a letter from the young lady received a letter from a friend, asking her to a tennis party which was to be held the same day.

Next morning both invitations were acknowledged, but the replies were carelessly put in the wrong envelopes. The duchess opened the letter in which the writer declared to her friend that she was very sorry she could not come to tennis because "Stout Mary" had asked her to White Lodge, and she was bound to go.

The day duly arrived, and the frank young lady was warmly welcomed by the duchess, who afterward took her aside and laughingly said:

"My dear girl, I know I am stout, but I cannot help it. You should be more careful in posting your letters and never forget that you do not know who will read what you write. Don't apologize. I have forgiven you."

### The Cranky Passenger.

There is no doubt that he was a very impudent conductor, but some way there was no one in the car who did not have a sneaking feeling of sympathy for him. It was on one of the surface cars and the woman was one of those passengers who feel that the cars are run for their own individual convenience and are hardly willing to submit to the imposition of a fare for the privilege. This woman had been what the conductor called "mean" from the time she entered the car. She wasn't suited with her change, she wouldn't have the door shut, and she wouldn't have the window shut. The other passengers would have been indignant if they had not been pleased to have something to break the monotony of the ride. But the climax came when the dissatisfied passenger started to leave the car. The platform was crowded with men. The dissatisfied passenger turned to the gate side of the platform. "The other side, madam," said the conductor politely, but madam persisted. "The other side, madam," reiterated the conductor. "I intend," said the lady in frigid tones, "to get off on this side." "All right, madam," (there was a note of despairing resignation in his voice, for the car had been waiting some seconds). "Gentlemen, will you please step aside and let the lady jump the fence?"—New York Times.

### Paralyzed the Geese.

During the war we were not permitted to carry guns, but the boys used to hide their weapons and slip out unobserved and indulge in a few hours' hunting. I saw a young fellow start out one day and when he returned, not more than two hours later, he had 21 wild geese. I recollect one instance during that period when we were not allowed to carry guns when the geese became so numerous and bold as to make it almost impossible for us to raise a crop. I had a field of wheat, which they were picking up before the grains had time to germinate. I took an ounce of strychnine, dissolved it in acidulated water, soaked corn in it and scattered the corn over the wheatfield. The next morning I gathered up a wagon load of dead and paralyzed wild geese, some 40 or 50 of them, in the wheatfield. Eight or ten of them recovered and became domesticated.—K City Times

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## McKINLEY'S ULTIMATUM

It Will Soon Be Sent to Spain, Says Walter Wellman.

### PRESIDENT'S PLANS MATURED.

A Demand For Peace In Cuba—Difficulties of the Situation—Trying to Avoid War—Trying to Make Out a Case Against Spain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—[Special.]—All the talk in Washington is of our relations with Spain. It is now well known that President McKinley is preparing to move toward a solution of the Cuban problem. As I advised you in these dispatches some time ago, the president will soon send another note to Spain, demanding that Cuba be given peace and that the United States be admitted as a factor in settling the trouble on some permanent basis. How soon this note will be sent is not yet determined, but in the nature of things it cannot be dispatched till the mystery of the Maine disaster is cleared up. Although the president has matured his plans, he recognizes, as every one in Washington does, that some upheaval over the Maine business, or some other accident, may supervene to make all other designs superfluous. Although it is possible war may come over the Maine explosion, the prevailing opinion in official circles at this time is that this incident will be closed in a few weeks satisfactorily to the United States and without disturbances of our relations with Spain.

As President McKinley says to his advisers, the great question after all is as to the future of Cuba. Many people appear to think the path of the president is a straight one, that it is easy to formulate a policy which will solve the whole problem. Of course it is easy if the president wishes to rush the country into war. But even in this apparently simple matter there are some considerations which present themselves to thoughtful men. On this score I am able to give the substance of an interview which I had with a man who is high in the administration's councils and who possesses the confidence of the president.

Difficulties In the Way. "Let me show you some of the difficulties that are in our way," said this gentleman. "Before we can go to war there must be something to war about. We should have a cause that the world will recognize as just, for a nation in this serious business of warring is just like an individual. It is impossible to retain the respect of one's neighbors and secure their support if one attacks a man without sufficient justification. Before we can declare war there must be some cause therefor, and naturally the president is expected to lay this cause before congress in a full statement of the case. Congress alone can declare war under our constitution, and before congress acts a case must be made out. What has Spain done against us? What attack has she made upon the United States, assuming that the Maine was not blown up by a conspiracy having the authority of the Spanish government, of which there is no evidence?"

"When we come to answer this question, we find that Spain has a rebellion on her hands in Cuba. That rebellion has cost us some annoyance, and we think Spain is a long time paying it down. But did we not have a rebellion of our own on hand some years ago and were we not a long time in suppressing it? And did it not inflict great loss of commerce upon several of the nations of Europe? Still we should have felt very much aggrieved if any European nation had said to us our war had gone far enough and if we did not stop it instantly they would declare war upon this country."

Action Demanded. "It is true that the situation in Cuba demands some action at our hands and that the country will never be satisfied till action is taken. I do not doubt that the president is preparing to act, but the fact remains that the situation does not demand war, and there would be no thought of war as a solution of it if it were not for public opinion. Public opinion is perhaps pressing the president farther and faster than he would be willing to go if left to his own judgment. In other words, the people who know only the surface of things and who think with passion and heat are really directing what shall be done instead of leaving such a momentous question to the officials, who are supposed to have full information and a sober, serious responsibility to meet. Remember, too, that all this because Cuba is 90 miles from our shores instead of 1,900. If the island lay a long way off, over in Africa or Asia or Australia, not a word would you hear said about it in this country, although the international rights and the considerations of humanity would be just the same."

"I do not oppose giving a reasonable amount of help to Cuba, but I do not think we should talk war. Spain has done no injury to us. On the other hand, she has released every American citizen tonight in Cuba violating the laws of Spain. And she has released the laws of Spain. At our instance she has recalled Weyer and instituted a more humane policy. She seems anxious to do everything toward us that is right and just. But I admit the country wants action, and as a rule I believe in trusting the masses. They are not often mistaken. But in this case they may be going too far. It may not be war that we need, but some form of mediation that will settle the problem without war. That, I believe, is the president's idea. Our purpose is not, or ought not to be, the destruction of Spain, but the salvation of Cuba."

Can We Declare War? "Suppose the president does demand of Spain that the war be brought to an end and that this government be admitted as a factor in settling the trouble on some permanent basis. Suppose Spain says that is a matter of her domestic concern, and she cannot admit the right of a foreign power to dictate to her, but that she is anxious to remove all things that annoy us and that she will use her utmost endeavors to suppress the rebellion. Spain does nothing but stand on her dignity. What are we to do? Can we declare war on her for that? Would it be a just cause? Would the opinion of the nations opinion up? Where has Spain attacked us? What has she done to injure us? No, there are many things to be thought about, and we should be very cautious how we rush into war without a certainty of having a just cause therefor."

I quote these opinions not because I agree with all of them, but because they show how some of the advisers of the president talk to him, for what this official said to me he has said to the president.

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The Leaky Missouri River.

F. B. Spearman writes of "Queer American Rivers" in St. Nicholas. Mr. Spearman says: With all its other eccentricities, the Missouri river leaks badly, for you know there are leaky rivers as well as leaky boats. The government engineers once measured the flow of the Missouri away up in Montana and again some hundred miles farther down stream. To their surprise they found that the Missouri, instead of growing bigger down stream, as every rational river should, was actually 20,000 second feet smaller at the lower point.

Now while 20,000 second feet could be spared from such a tremendous river that amount of water makes a considerable stream of itself. Many very celebrated rivers never had so much water in their lives; hence there was great amazement when the discrepancy was discovered. But of late years Dakota farmers away to the south and east of those points on the Missouri, sinking artesian wells, found immense volumes of water where the geologists said there wouldn't be any. So it is believed that the farmers have tapped the water leaking from that big hole in the Missouri river away up in Montana, and from these wells they irrigate large tracts of land, and naturally they don't want the river bed mended. Fancy what a blessing it is when the weather is dry to have a river boiling out of your well, ready to flow where you want it over the wheatfields! For of all manner of work that a river can be put to irrigation is, I think, the most useful. But isn't that a queer way for the Missouri to wander about underneath the ground?

### The Bishop and the Cabbie.

The Irish Ecclesiastical Journal tells this story: "Last week an Irish bishop was driving home to his hotel in the city from a suburb of Dublin, with a lady and one of the junior clergy as his escort. It was late at night, dark, windy and rainy, and the cabman drove away merrily, but after some peculiar turnings and ten minutes' driving the cab was returning whence it had started. The whetstone was evident, as the cabbie was drunk. However, home had to be reached, and his lordship, a man of action, jumped out of the cab, mounted the box and drove at a good round pace into town. On reaching his destination the right reverend prelate said he thought he ought to be paid, a sentiment in which the cabbie acquiesced with the utmost good humor, and pocketed his fare notwithstanding. To be driven home by a bishop on a cab," adds our contemporary, "falls not to the lot of many curates, and is surely worth recording."

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## Local News!

### WOODFORD.

Henry Colson is working in Searsburg. Mrs. William Mallory is visiting her brother at Manchester, who is ill.  
Hon. D. R. Cutler of Searsburg was snowbound two days in Woodford last week.  
Mrs. James Diawiddle is visiting relatives in Bennington.  
Ever since the Rev. F. V. D. Garrettson of North Pownal preached a sermon in Woodford a little over a year ago, in which he intimated that the peculiar and strange atmospheric changes of late years was a strong indication of the fulfillment of the prophecy spoken of by Daniel, (in the Bible.) Several who heard the reverend gentleman are beginning to think that his words were true. The incessant storm of sleet and powerful wind lasting from Saturday evening until Tuesday, opened the eyes of some who could not be made to believe that all that mighty rush of wind was effervescence from the Klondike.  
There've been more runaway horses in the hollow. Is that an unlucky place for skittish equines.  
There was no service in either church Sunday on account of the severe blizzards. Sunday schools were held at private houses.  
We were glad to see your Hartwellville correspondence so full of life last week. It is always good.  
For several days Mrs. Elmer Gleason has not been so well, but at this writing her symptoms are more favorable.  
We have received a dispatch from South Pittsburg stating that young Arthur Bowles and wife are very happy at the birth of a 12-pound boy.  
Mrs. Sohn Bugbee is staying awhile with her daughter, Mrs. W. Bowles.  
The item in THE TRANSCRIPT a few weeks ago stating that Rev. R. T. Sawyer had gone to Worcester to practice medicine, was incorrect. Mr. Sawyer had a sick wife for over five years and had nearly completed his medical studies when she died. He has long been interested in medicine and in the class of '77 and '78 had a protegee at Burlington, now located in Brattleboro. Mr. Sawyer graduated at Boston in the class of 1892 from the college of Physicians and Surgeons. For three years he preached in Kingston, N. H., where he also practiced medicine. Last year he sold out a Vermont practice, and instead of being now at Worcester, he is in Danby, recovering from a partial stroke of paralysis. Mr. Sawyer expects to resume medical practice the following spring. Mr. Sawyer has preached once each summer in Woodford for 22 consecutive years. He has also been a successful clergyman in Massachusetts.  
Mrs. A. W. Hagar of West Dover, is in town.  
Mrs. George W. Blackford, who has been dangerously ill, is better.

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**WHITE OAKS.**  
Mrs. Tyler of Troy, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. Arthur Moody.

Owing to the weather Thursday night the Woman's Working association gave a second oyster supper the next evening but few were present because of the storm. Expenses were cleared and a little over.  
Mrs. Leonard Morgan, Mrs. D. K. Hunter and Mrs. Josie Montgomery have been on the sick list.  
Dr. Pratt of North Adams has rented Mr. Waterman's house in Coleville.  
By reason of the storm Broad Brook school was not in session Wednesday. The telephone wire between Mr. Morgan's and the North Adams Water company failed to connect. Trees have been blown down and several small buildings blown over.  
Little William Montgomery is seriously ill with Bright's disease at the home of grandparents in North Adams.  
About 16 bricks in Simeon Canedy's chimney were loosened by the wind and fell inside the chimney.

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# A School Girl's Nerves.

*This record is of especial value to parents. It's a message from a loving mother dedicated to the mothers of growing girls. A truthful narrative of the utmost interest and import.*

It is important that the nerves are carefully guarded. Mothers who have young daughters of school age should watch their health more carefully than their studies. The proper development of their bodies is of first importance.  
After the confinement of the school room, plenty of out-door exercise should be taken. It is better that children never learn their a, b, c's, than that by over-study they lose their health.  
All this is self-evident. Everyone admits it—everyone knows it, but everyone does not know how to build the health up when once broken down, even the best physicians failing at times.  
The following method of Mrs. Stephen Barnes, whose post office address is Burney, Ind., if rightly applied, may save your daughter.  
When her daughter Lucy was at that critical girlhood age of twelve years she grew weak and nervous.  
"Previously she had been a bright, healthy young girl," says Mrs. Barnes. "She was diligent and progressive in her studies."  
It became necessary, however, for her to leave school.  
"She was overtaxed mentally and physically."  
"Her nerves were at such a tension that the least noise irritated her."  
"She had continual twitching in the arms and lower limbs and symptoms of St. Vitus' dance."  
"Her blood was out of order she was thin and pale, almost lifeless. In three

months she lost twenty-three pounds.  
"We did everything possible for her, and the best of medical treatment."  
"Several skillful physicians attended her, but no benefit was apparent."  
"A family friend visiting us, told how her daughter had been similarly affected, but cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."  
"She urged us to try the pills, and we finally consented."  
"We have always rejoiced that we did. The pills helped Lucy at once, and after taking eight boxes she was entirely cured."  
"She is now in perfect health, strong, weighs ten pounds more than ever before, and her cheeks are full of color."  
"Two years of schooling were missed on account of ill health, but now she can gratify her ambition to study and become an educated woman."  
The reason that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were helpful in the above case, is that they are composed of vegetable remedies which act directly on the impure blood, the foundation of disease.  
As the blood rushes through all parts of the body, the conveyor of good or bad humors, it is necessary that it should be pure, rich and strong.  
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### AFGHAN WOMEN.

**High Caste Mothers Have a Lonely, Lazy Time of It.**

If there are any women in the world who have a right to die of ennui, it is those poor creatures of Afghanistan, the upper classes. They spend their days doing absolutely nothing for they disdain sewing, cooking and general household duties. They leave the care of their children to slaves, and they can neither read nor write.

Generally in a rich house there is one chief slave, a sort of housekeeper, rather a grand person, whom it is always wise to conciliate if you intend having many dealings with that establishment. In summer she is always dressed in purest white. In winter velvets and brocades are not beyond her reach. She is generally an elderly person, with considerable influence and a good deal of authority.  
Then there is another who is a sort of maid to the lady of the house. She is another person with whom it is not wise to quarrel. She is always very much in evidence. She it is who prepares everything for her mistress' toilet, as also for her master's. It is the wife's special duty and privilege, however, when the things are prepared, to wait upon her husband when he is dressing, to pour the water over his hands, and to spread his religious writings, to spread his prayer carpet, to put his favorite dish before him, and so on.

It is difficult to appreciate the exact position of these Afghan women until one sees the way in which mothers are treated by their sons. They may nurse them when they are sick, tend them when they are young, but let the boys grow to be 11 or 12 years old, and you will hear them tell their mother to "chup shoo" (shut up); send them to fetch their caps and expect to be addressed by the mother as "agha guli" or "agha jon," which means "my precious master," "master dear."

Kabul mothers seldom have much affection for their children or their children for them. They do not nurse them as babies, and their babyhood is a particularly long one, for they are very backward. They belong to their nurses more than to their mothers till they are 2½ years old, and after that it is their father who notices them and not their mother.—Philadelphia Press.

### IT WAS THE KAISER.

**A Snap Shot That Was Taken by a Pair of Persistent American Girls.**

I heard a pretty story the other day of two American girls who visited the imperial palace at Potsdam, which is open to visitors only when the emperor and his family are absent. Without knowing this fact the two American ladies made the journey there and were repulsed by the usher at the door. They understood very little German, and he could talk no English, but with the usual persistency of the American tourist, they tried to induce him to admit them. While they were in the midst of the controversy a gentleman in the uniform of a soldier came rapidly up the steps, and, addressing the ladies in English, asked if he could be of any service to them. They explained that they had come up from Berlin to see the palace, and were very much disappointed because they were not allowed to enter it.  
"I think I can let you in," he answered, "and will show you around myself."  
So he escorted them through the various rooms and corridors and explained everything in a most entertaining manner. Then he followed them out to the portico, where one of them, who had a kodak, asked permission to take his photograph. She hadn't the slightest suspicion who he was, but during the hour they had been together in the palace they had laughed and joked familiarly and felt very well acquainted. The gentlemen graciously consented, and posed for three snap shots. Then he bade them good morning, hoped they would enjoy their visit to Germany, saluted them in the German way and re-entered the palace.  
The young ladies were delighted and related their experience with great gusto when they returned to their boarding house. That afternoon they took their kodak to a photographer to have the films developed, and when they brought home the first prints of the handsome officer their German landlady exclaimed: "Gott in himmel! Der Kaiser!"—W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record.

**The Love of History.**  
The love of history seems inseparable from human nature because it seems inseparable from self love. The same principle in this instance carries us forward and backward, to future and to past ages, and runs through mankind from Caesar down to the parish clerk in Pope's "Miscellany." We are fond of preserving, as far as it is in our power, the memory of our own adventures, of those of our own time and of those of previous times. Rude heaps of stone have been raised, and under hives have been composed, for this purpose by nations which had not yet the use of arts and letters. To go no farther back, the triumphs of Odin were celebrated in runic songs, and the feats of our British ancestors were recorded in those of their bards. The savages of America have the same custom at this day, and long historical ballads of their huntings and their wars are sung at all their festivals.

There is no need of saying how this passion grows among civilized nations in proportion to the means of gratifying it, but let me observe that the same principle of the love of history seems inseparable from human nature because it seems inseparable from self love. The same principle in this instance carries us forward and backward, to future and to past ages, and runs through mankind from Caesar down to the parish clerk in Pope's "Miscellany." We are fond of preserving, as far as it is in our power, the memory of our own adventures, of those of our own time and of those of previous times. Rude heaps of stone have been raised, and under hives have been composed, for this purpose by nations which had not yet the use of arts and letters. To go no farther back, the triumphs of Odin were celebrated in runic songs, and the feats of our British ancestors were recorded in those of their bards. The savages of America have the same custom at this day, and long historical ballads of their huntings and their wars are sung at all their festivals.

of nature makes us as strongly, and more generally as well as more early, to indulge our own curiosity instead of preparing to gratify that of others. The child hears with delight of the tales of his nurse. He learns to read, and he devours with eagerness fabulous legends and novels. In ripe years he applies himself to history, or to that which he takes for history, to authorized romance, and even in ago the desire of knowing what has happened to other men yields to the desire alone of relating what has happened to ourselves. Thus history, true or false, speaks to our passions always.—New York Ledger.

**He Collapsed.**  
A cat may look at a king, but it is sometimes at the cat's peril—at least so it would seem, judging from this anecdote concerning the late poet laureate of England. Tennyson was once dining at the house of his brother-in-law, Professor Lushington, and among the guests was an inoffensive stranger, who, never having had the honor of being in Mr. Tennyson's company before, every now and then stole a glance of curiosity at the illustrious poet. Suddenly, however, those present were startled by the poet, who had been rather quiet for some time, looking up from the tablecloth and glaring wrathfully round the table. He fixed the young man with his glittering eye and said loud enough to be heard by all present, "You are looking at me, I tell you." The collapse of the young gentleman was, of course, complete and instantaneous.—Christian Work.

**Her Sad Predicament.**  
"Now," said the lawyer who was conducting the cross examination, "will you please state how and where you first met this man?"

"I think," said the lady with the sharp nose, "that it was"  
"Never mind what you think," interrupted the lawyer. "We want facts here. We don't care what you think, and we haven't any time to waste in listening to what you think. Now please tell us where and when it was that you first met this man."

The witness made no reply.  
"Come, come," urged the lawyer. "I demand an answer to my question."  
Still no response from the witness.  
"Your honor," said the lawyer, turning to the court, "I think I am entitled to an answer to the question I have put."  
"The witness will please answer the question," said the court in impressive tones.  
"Can't," said the lady.  
"Why not?"  
"The court doesn't care to hear what I think does it?"  
"No."  
"Then there's no use questioning me any further. I am not a lawyer. I can't talk without thinking."  
So they called the next witness.—Cleveland Leader.

**Hard to Kill.**  
The "accuracy" of some daily newspaper reports is well illustrated by the remarkable (newspaper) career of that well known leader of Islam Osman Digna. The New York Tribune has reckoned up the incidents of his career, as told by various newspapers, and finds that he was killed in battle 97 times and murdered 48 times, that he committed suicide 11 times, making a total of 156 fatalities for this one individual. All of which bears witness to the activity of the ubiquitous reporter, who, in his eagerness to give all the news, sometimes writes down as fact what is merely unsubstantial rumor.

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Gallagher—No grandfather in the could country had more money than he could count.  
Donahoo—Oh have heard, 'behold, that the old man could not count more than tin.—Indianapolis Journal.

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### LOVE'S BURIAL.

[Translation from Keats.]  
Thou hast passed from life, and thou knowest it not.  
The light is quenched in thine eyes, I wot.  
The roses and the buds, it is vain to see,  
And thou art dead, my poor, dead dear!

One summer night myself I saw  
Thou laid in earth with a shuddering awe.  
The nightingale sang low, the dog-lilies lay,  
And the stars came out on thy bier to gaze.

As the mourning train through the wood de-  
scended,  
Their litany peals up the branching alders.  
The pine trees, in funeral mantle dressed,  
Moan prayers for the soul that is gone to rest.  
And as by the mountain tarn we wound,  
The elves were dancing a fairy round.  
They stopped, and they seemed, though stored  
With locks of pity to gaze at us.

And when we came to thy lone earth bed  
The moon came down from the heaven o'er-  
head.  
She spoke of the lost one. A sob, a stound!  
And the best of music, it was distance sound.  
—Theodore Martin in Blackwood's Magazine.

### MY COUSIN EDITH.

I spoke seriously to Edith.  
"I think you are behaving disgracefully."  
She looked up. She was scratching the gravel on my aunt's garden path with the pointed end of her parasol. She chose to willfully misinterpret my words.  
"It will all roll in again. I think the gardener wants exercise."  
"Fred," I went on severely, "is not a man to be played with."  
"I don't play with him. His screw is too feeble for words."  
"I am not referring to tennis. Fred, I repeat, is too good to be flirted with in the outrageous way you are doing."  
"I don't flirt."  
"You do, Edith. Last season it was I; after that—"

"Oh, that was not flirting; it was coarsely affection. Besides, you don't count."

"It is the same thing. Fred is too serious."  
"And therefore shouldn't be taken seriously."

"And you are making him believe that you care for him."

"Perhaps I do."

"You don't. Fred is not the sort of man you would like."

"I am not sure. I like him sometimes—when he is away. He is a very restful man to talk about."

"It is impossible for you to care for a man."

"Thank you. You are abominably rude."

"Who is fond of Stuart Mill." I went on calmly.

"I didn't know he was. He never talks about it."

"I should think," I mused judicially, "that he can talk about nothing else. What can he say?"

"Oh, the usual sort of thing—very much the same as you used to."

"Fred never struck me as being particularly poetical."

"Were you poetical?" she inquired innocently. I disregarded the question.

"As your cousin I am bound to speak seriously to you, Edith."

"As my cousin you are privileged to be rude."

"It is the fate of good intentions to be misunderstood."

"They shouldn't masquerade as rudeness."

"Fred is—" I went on.

"Very wearisome."

"Then why do you encourage him?" I asked triumphantly.

"I don't encourage him. I don't think any of them want encouraging. I can't help it if—if they think I'm nice, can I?"

"It is not kind!"

"To be nice?"

"To make a man think you really care—and be laughing in your sleeve all the while."

"My sleeves are tight this year."

"If you really like him?"

"How do you know I don't?"

"It would be different. I should say nothing. As it is, it is disgraceful."

"Suppose I do care for him?"

"You don't. You said he bored you."

"You all do, but I like some."

"I really think you have no heart, Edith. Poor Fred will be awfully let down. There was Charlie last month—"

"His hair curled—do you remember how his hair curled?"

"Curly hair in a man is effeminate," I said. Mine was quite straight.

"Never mind Charlie, let us talk about Fred. I am getting quite fond of him. I haven't seen him all day."

"I wish you would be serious. It is really time you began to look at life soberly. You are no longer a girl."

"Have you seen a gray hair?" she asked anxiously.

"As your cousin and a man of some experience—"

"Dear me! Why didn't you tell me that before?"

"I am three years older than you. A man gathers a great deal more knowledge of the world than a woman."

"That is why women are so charming."

"All women are not charming."

"That is so," she assented musingly; "Constance Drury, for instance."

"Miss Drury is a particularly well informed girl." I rather liked Constance; she appreciated my poems. Not every girl has the power to appreciate my poems.

"Yes," about the failings of her friends.

"They at least are failings."

"She says so."

"You are ill natured. I hope, Edith, you are not jealous in temperament."

"Of Constance? Certainly not."

She answered my implied question, not my verbal one. I knew by that that she was hurt.

"Miss Drury is very popular."

"Fred hates her. I think she's well meaning but unfortunate."

"I was not thinking of Fred."

"No, you were thinking of yourself."

Edith had a disagreeable habit of reading one's thoughts—to be more correct, of reading my thoughts. Sometimes it verged upon indecency.

"We are getting away from the question," I said severely. "I want to speak to you seriously about your flirtation with Fred."

"I don't flirt."

"Then it is serious?"

She did not answer. She wore a personal blue. There are some blues which belong to the universe, and there are some which belong to persons. This blue belonged essentially to Edith. I liked it. I liked also the way she had done her hair. I had told her of it two days ago. It suddenly struck me that

# Letter from a Woman

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy frequently cures members of a family. While it is considered by many to be a Kidney and Bladder Medicine, it is just as certain to cure Dyspepsia, Constipation, Rheumatism, Scrofula and Eczema. This is because it first puts the Kidneys in a healthy condition, so they can sift all impurities from the blood.  
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her adoption of it was a delicate compliment to me. I liked compliments—delicate compliments. Besides, Fred was not the man to make Edith happy. On the whole I don't think he was the man to make any woman happy.  
"Do you think you are making a wise choice, Edith?" I went on.  
"Isn't that a matter for my own consideration?"  
"I am your nearest male relative!"—Edith was an orphan, which was a blessing—"you have practically no one to look to but yourself. Of course your happiness is a grave responsibility."  
"Just now it was poor Fred's appetite or heart or something. You must be very busy looking after other people's concerns."  
"It is so easy to make a mistake."  
"He is very fond of me."  
"I don't think you are the girl to enjoy a divided affection with Stuart Mill."  
"I prefer a division with Stuart Mill to one with Constance Drury."  
"No one," I said, with the air of making a confession, "could think of making a division between you and Miss Drury."  
"I should hope not," she said quickly.  
"Miss Drury is pretty!"  
"If you like big eyes and a silly mouth."  
"Her mouth is sweet, not silly."  
"Oh, of course, if you think silliness sweet, there is an end to it."  
"But she cannot compare with you."  
"Thanks."  
"She is very amusing."  
"One is always amused at ill natured gossip."  
"But her conversation lacks the sparkle of yours."  
"You are very good."  
"I like to be impartial. You have your faults!"  
"Of course!" she conceded.  
"You are



## OUR BOSTON LETTER.

## War Talk Plenty and Cheap on Streets of the Hub.

The fact is Boston is practically defenseless—much in the way of harbor defense has been begun but little is completed. A military man's opinion—city is at mercy of legislature. Many schemes for reform of city government are proposed—cost of the blizzard—dramatic and personal.

War and rumors of war. We have had more war talk in this city than anything else during the past week. Rumors of all kinds have been upon the streets, and the newspapers have catered to the taste for blood by exploiting alleged movements of the few troops we have with us in a general aiding in working up nervous people to the verge of collapse. As a matter of fact, the war talk is all there has been to create a sensation, for the regular troops have been as quiet as lambs, and, if they have dreamed of war, they have said nothing about it. Of all things likely to come to us, Boston is least of all prepared for war. We can care for and entertain all friendly visitors that reach our shores, but for a hostile deputation we are not prepared, and if a foe should come here we should cut a sorry figure. For this reason, the man who goes about telling what we could do to Spain if she came here is generally a braggart or a fool.

The question of what Spain would do to us is a mighty sight more pertinent than what we could do to Spain. As I said some months ago, Boston is practically defenseless, and the publication of long accounts of defenses, with magnificent cuts of batteries accompanying them, does not make it less so. No longer ago than last week a prominent military man said to me: "This talk of our harbor defenses makes me weary. I know, and so does every other man who is in a position to obtain the knowledge that we have no defenses worthy of the name. Much work has been begun, but none of it is complete. The much-talked-about mortar battery at Winthrop would be of no more use in an immediate crisis than an old woman with a broom. Not one of the guns is in a condition to be fired, and there isn't a pound of ammunition there to load the battery with, if it was complete in every other way. They haven't even got a range finder down there."

"Down at Fort Warren things are not much better. I think we have one 10-inch gun of modern construction mounted there, but even for that there is a lack of ammunition. A foreign fleet could burn Boston or lay it in waste with little or no difficulty, and it is time these crazy people who are crying for war understood it. You don't hear well posted military men, who would have to fight if occasion called, doing any of the shouting." Of course the reply to this is that Yankee enterprise and patriotism would remedy these deficits in short order, but patriotism will not ward off the shells of a Spanish cruiser, and, like a realist, we should get into condition before beginning the battle. The feeling that the Maine was a victim of Spanish treachery is a strong one, but if she was we must keep cool, at least appear to do so, until we get into fighting trim.

One of the inconsistencies of Boston life is found in the fact that while the people are ready to regulate the arts and sciences, anxious to wipe out any treachery Spain may have offered us, and have no doubt that presidents as well as governors are made right here, they have so little interest and power in governing themselves. If Boston dislikes its municipal system, it has no power to change it, but must go to the legislature, and on its knees beg for what it wants, and more often is obliged to go to Beacon hill to protest against something it does not want. It can, through the city council, give an electric company the privilege of using its streets, stringing wires over them or digging them up to lay wires underground, but if it desires to raze light to its own buildings, and for the convenience and saving of its people, it cannot do it but must go up to Beacon hill and have the power granted by the wise men up there.

On the face of it, this seems absurd, for it is another way of saying that the city can do for others what it cannot do for itself, but it is a fact. Thus it happens that our whole plan of city government is now before the legislature and the plans to make it better are so numerous that an ordinary man is almost ready to throw up his hands and exclaim: better the present undesirable system than trust our future to something we know not what. If the saying "Too many cooks spoil the broth" ever had force it may well be applied to our present condition. The recent wrangle in our board of aldermen disgusted about everybody, and as a result every body tried to find a remedy. The liberal use of thinking caps had an immediate result, and the legislature was flooded with plans to better govern Boston.

No less than 15 bills were presented for the reorganization of the city government. They were so different in their treatment of the evil to be remedied that one might wonder if all the doctors reached the same diagnosis of the case. Some of the bills were almost freaks in the way of treatment. One, the Dartlett bill, so called, that at first found some favor and may yet be approved, provides for the election of 25 aldermen by wards and for the election by wards of 50 common councilmen.

If the common council was a thing of beauty and a joy forever, there would be some reason for making it more potent, but as a matter of fact this branch of the city government in Boston has anything but a savory reputation. It is generally made up of young and aspiring politicians, who are looking out, first for number one, and use the position to get what they can out of it, either in personal or political preference. For this reason it has become a byword and a reproach, not only to the citizens of Boston, but to all the people round about. But instead of removing this standing rebuke, the Dartlett bill proposes to magnify the evil by giving as two common councilmen in place of one. That is one kind of reform proposed, apparently adapted to the idea that we have not so deep in the mud that any

step is a step upward.

Still another bill provides for a common council of 51 members, the president to be elected at large, and the members to have all the powers now vested in the board of aldermen concurrently. In other words, we should have 50 aldermen under another name that does not smell so sweet. But the plan favored by most bills is the district plan, the city being divided into 12 aldermanic districts. This is a return to an old system that has been tried, condemned and discarded. It enables the man who has got a ward pull to get into the aldermanic chamber, when if the people of the whole city had a chance at him he would be buried beneath a shower of ballots.

But we have got to have something. The present system must go, and in its place we may profitably hope for a better. If we are not to have the single chamber system, against which the people recently decided, we should have a government consisting of two bodies that at least represent separate, or different, constituencies. The idea of a board of aldermen is that it represents the whole city and not a district or ward thereof, and nothing should be done to destroy that idea. The common council is or should be able to look after ward interests. But what we are likely to get is a conundrum. Politicians are to get in the form of our so-called reformers are equally so. They will listen to no plan but their own and as a result we can only expect a system that is likely to be condemned in the near future, when the fight will be made all over again.

A blizzard is an expensive visitor to a great city. The report of Superintendent of Streets Wells in this city demonstrates this most clearly. It was not till the middle of the past week that the immense accumulation of snow from the recent blizzard was completed by the street department. Before the work was finished the street department had employed more than 2000 men, between 300 and 350 teams, and had expended the sum of \$102,249.40. In all, the number of single loads of snow removed, as reported from the dumps, was 123,191. A great deal of money to be paid to get rid of a nuisance of "the beautiful," but it had to be done. There are not sleds and sleighs enough to do the business of Boston, and wheels seemed out of place till the snow was removed. But the work was a godsend to the 2000 or more men.

Interest in the coming sportsmen's show at Mechanics' building is daily increasing, and the affair promises to be both an artistic and financial success. The novelty of the exhibition will attract the ordinary amusement seekers, while the true sportsmen will be drawn to the hall by his love of the rod and gun, for the happy days of camp life that are sure to be recalled to him as he views the exhibit. Many notable specimens of game have already been secured for the exhibition.

Arrangements have at last been completed for a visit to Boston by Theodore Thomas and his Chicago orchestra. This will be the first professional visit to Boston that Mr. Thomas has made for many years, and the coming of the orchestra in which Chicago takes so much pride will be an interesting event. The orchestra will give three concerts in Music hall during its visit to this city, the dates being the evenings of March 22 and March 24 and the afternoon of March 25.

"In Gay New York," which received its premier presentation in Boston at the Park theater last season, and broke all records in point of attendance, is booked for a return engagement by Manager Eugene Tompkins, this time at the Boston theater, where it will have its initial performance on Monday evening, March 14.

Mrs. Abba Gould Woolson will give five lectures on the Tuesday mornings of March, on the De Medici salon of the Tuileries, the general topic, "Homes in France of English Kings." The first discourse on March 1 will be on the subject, "William the Conqueror in Normandy, and His Son."

Julia Marlowe will only play one week of one-night shows this season. She will follow her Boston and Providence engagements. The cities are Worcester, Northampton, Springfield, Hartford and New Haven.

Julie Mackey, vocalist; Mary Norman, impersonator, and Lew Bloom and Jane Cooper, in a laughable comedy sketch, are three of the leading attractions booked at Keith's for the week of March 7.

Two years have passed since Mme. Modjeska last appeared on the Boston stage, and her return to the Tremont theater on the 28th will be cordially welcomed by hosts of admirers.

"At Piney Ridge," a new play of the Tennessee mountains, by David Higgins, will be brought out at the Columbia next week with the author and Georgia Waldron in the cast.

"Young Mrs. Winthrop." Bronson Howard's clever society drama, will make the attraction at the Castle Square theater for the week beginning Monday, the 28th inst.

"Darkest Russia," with an elaborate scenic outfit and the strongest cast it has had in years, will be next week's attraction at the Grand Opera House.

"The Dawn of Freedom," a play dealing with the Cuban struggle, will be seen next week at the Grand theater.

Bruce Edwards, business manager of Julia Marlowe's company, is dangerously sick with pneumonia.

Xaver Scharwenka, the famous pianist, will give a recital in Association hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 1.

Flo Irwin is booked at the Grand Opera House for the middle of March.

"Hilda Across the Sea" will be given at the Lyceum Square next week.

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FOE WRITS OF HER.

Mrs. Cornelia Walter Richards, who recently died at the age of 89, was the sister of the founder of the Boston Transcript and was the editor of that paper for a time after the death of her brother. It was concerning her that Edgar Allan Poe wrote the following in The Broadway Journal in the autumn of 1846: "Our excellent friend, Major Noah, has suffered himself to be enjoyed by that most beguiling of all beguiling little divinities, Miss Walter of the Transcript. We have been looking all over her article with the aid of a taper to see if we could discover a single syllable of truth in it—and really blush to acknowledge that we were wrong. The adorable creature has been telling a parcel of lies about us by way of revenge for something that we did to Mr. Longfellow (who admires her very much) and for calling her 'a pretty little witch' into the bargain."

An Impartial Judgment.

"Which makes the better wife, a blond or a brunette?" asked a Chicago young man of one who had had some matrimonial experience.

"It's about six of one to half a dozen of the other," replied the experienced one. "I've married both kinds."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Tribune.

## MEMORIAL TO GRANT

## REVIVAL OF THE POTOMAC RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT.

Thirty-sixth Anniversary of General Grant's First Great Victory—When and Where "Unconditional Surrender" Was First Enunciated—An Old Slogan's Story.

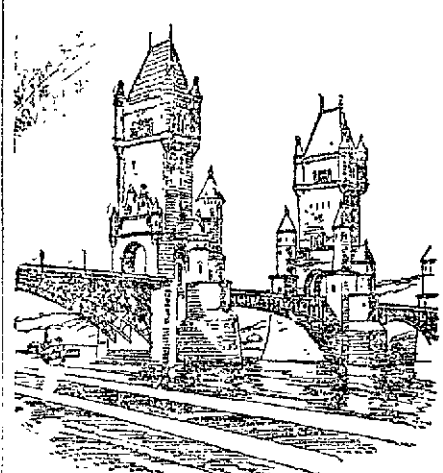
(Special Correspondence.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The recent revival of that long buried project for a Grant memorial in the shape of an monumental bridge across the Potomac has directed public attention to the fact that there is now no adequate monument to the great general in this city. The preliminary survey for the bridge has just been completed, \$10,000 for the purpose having been authorized at the last session of congress. But it may be a long time yet before the Potomac shall be spanned by a bridge calling for an expenditure of \$1,500,000, though the need of another bridge of some sort between Washington and the Virginia shore is manifest to even the casual observer.

The proposition to make this structure strictly memorial and to have a "Grant tower" at one end and a "Lincoln tower" at the other recalls the fact that, even as this bridge shall span the former line of demarcation between north and south, so it was one of Grant's victories that served to make possible this projected union of the sections once at strife and enmity. I was sitting in the rotunda of the capitol one afternoon a few days since when I was approached by a member of the house who has been honored with frequent re-elections and who has been a desultory resident of this city since the beginning of the "Grant regime." Pointing to the picture of the "Surrender of Burgoyne" above my head, he said, "Do you think that portrait of General Gage looks like General Grant?"

I answered that I did not see any resemblance.

"Well," he rejoined, "when Li Hung Chang was here, and being escorted through the capitol by Mr. Foster, he stopped opposite this picture and asked blandly, 'Is that General Grant?' Foster explained that it was not. Li Hung shook his head doubtfully, but said no more and shuffled on, keeping his own opinion to himself."

"And that reminds me," continued the congressman, "that Grant's first great victory, for which we rewarded him with the major generalship, was won 36 years ago this month. On the



CENTRAL TOWERS OF PROPOSED GRANT MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

16th of February, 1862, he achieved the reduction of the important stronghold of Fort Donelson. As I myself was here when the news reached Washington, perhaps you may like to hear the story from the lips of one who, while not exactly there, was 'tharabouts'—as the colored preacher said of Moses at the time of the deluge."

I said that I should, and my friend proceeded: "Well, you see, from the very first Grant had shown an appreciation of the situation and an energy in meeting its exigencies that had stamped him as the man best fitted to command at such a strategical center as Cairo, where his headquarters were situated. His first fight was at Belmont, where he displayed those qualities of reticence and that sturdy obstinacy which only those who had known him in Mexico were aware he possessed. One of his staff galloped up to him and excitedly announced: 'General, we are out off and surrounded! What shall we do?'"

"Do?" placidly remarked the young commander, biting off the end of a cigar. "Why, we must cut our way out as we cut our way in." He had had a horse shot under him, but he at once plunged into the thick of the fight and rallied his men with, 'We have whipped them once, and we can do it again,' and proceeded to do it.

"Lost no time, and time was everything at that critical period of our nation's history. It was late in January that he telegraphed to Halleck, then commander of the department, 'If permitted, I could take and hold Fort Henry on the Tennessee.' Halleck had already snubbed him and ridiculed his plans, but this time he was seconded by Flag Officer Foote with his gunboats, and the general commanding gave the required permission. Three days after, on the 24 of February, Grant left Cairo with 17,000 men on transports, headed up the Tennessee. A portion of his command was landed on the 26th, on the morning of the 26th the gunboats came into action and that afternoon the fort capitulated."

"Only 11 miles distant on the Cumberland, which here runs a course nearly parallel to the Tennessee, was the strong fortification of Donelson, covering 100 acres and built on precipitous heights, flanked by deep ravines. The greater part of Henry's garrison had fled to Donelson, with Grant's cavalry in swift pursuit. It was a maxim of Grant's (at least at that time) that you should keep an enemy on the jump when once you have got him going. He then had him moving and lost no time in going after him.

"He telegraphed to Halleck: 'Fort Henry is ours. The gunboats silenced the batteries before the investment was completed.' The day following he telegraphed, 'I shall take and destroy Fort Donelson on the 26th.' This confident announcement was a little premature, as, owing to heavy rains and the almost impassable condition of the roads, it was not until the 12th that he completed his line of investment. Donelson mounted 15 heavy guns and along the river front was protected by elaborate water batteries. Within the works were four Confederate generals—Floyd, Forrest, Pillow and Buckner—with about 21,000 men and 65 fieldpieces. It was

before several of the gunboats

were disabled by the plunging fire from the fort, and by sunset of the 14th the whole fleet was practically out of the fight. Some of the boats were literally knocked to pieces, and the gunboat Foote was on was struck more than 60 times. One shot entered the pilothouse, killing the pilot and wounding Commodore Foote, while the wheel was carried away and the vessel drifted helplessly down stream.

"But notwithstanding the successful beating off of the fleet, the inmates of the fort were considerably demoralized. On its return from a conference with Foote Grant found his right line of investment in confusion. The besieged had made a sortie, and by concentrating their forces against the right had broken the line and caused the Union soldiers to retreat. These latter had emptied their cartridge boxes, and though there were tons of ammunition in their rear, no one seemed to have thought to get at it and supply the helpless soldiers. Grant's appearance on the scene was almost as opportunistic as was Sheridan's at a famous and critical juncture later in the war. He hastened across the intervening distance, gave orders for the immediate serving out of ammunition, and when he reached the demoralized right he checked the retreat.

"He was at first puzzled to account for this sudden sortie of the enemy, but, setting on the intuition of the trained soldier, he gave orders to search the haversacks of the prisoners. Finding them filled with three days' rations each, he shouted: 'That is it! Men, they are fighting to escape! They have no intention to stay here and fight us. The one who attacks first now will be victorious, and the enemy will have to hurry if he gets ahead of me. Fill your cartridge boxes, boys, and get into line!' A charge was ordered, the outer line of rifle pits was carried, the enemy driven back behind the fortifications, and that night's bivouac was within the Confederate line.

"A council of war was held by the officers of the beleaguered garrison and it was resolved to surrender. During the night Generals Floyd, Pillow, Forrest and some 4,000 men escaped, and upon General Buckner devolved the real command, who, when he opened negotiations for surrender, had about 15,000 men remaining. White flags were displayed, and Buckner demanded terms. It was then that for the first time General Grant enunciated those immortal words, in themselves a declaration of principles, 'No other terms than unconditional and immediate surrender will be accepted.' This was his ultimatum, and, though pronounced by Buckner to be both 'ungenerous and unchivalrous,' when accepted was found to be neither, for the conqueror was generous to the extreme of chivalric courtesy.

"Grant invested Donelson with but 16,000 men, which number he knew to be less than the force within the lines, but by the day of surrender it was increased by 27,000 and further strengthened by the arrival of several gunboats. The investing force suffered severely at first, mainly through a futile charge not ordered by the commanding general, the total loss being little more than 2,000. Quite as many of the opposing force were killed and the spoils of war amounted to 65 pieces of artillery, 17,600 stand of small arms and a large quantity of ammunition.

"A characteristic incident occurred at the meeting of the two commanders, who had been three years at West Point together and had also served in Mexico and were well acquainted. 'Grant,' said Buckner, 'if I had been in command yesterday, you wouldn't have reached Donelson so easily as you did.'

"That is true," replied Grant, 'but if you had been in command, I should not have tried in the way I did.' Floyd, he said, was weak, and Pillow was vain, and he had laid his plans accordingly. This incident is illustrative of the movements to the exigencies of the occasion and adopting a line of strategy that was simple, yet adequate to the emergency. His rule was not only to hold on and hit hard, but to get hold at the right spot and deliver his blows when and where they would tell.

"Mexico, as he confesses in his memoirs, had been of inestimable advantage to him, as he there served with and knew intimately nearly all the officers who afterward opposed him. 'The acquaintance thus formed,' he says, 'was of immense service to me—I mean what I learned of the characters of those to whom I was afterward opposed.'

"Those of us who, like myself, can remember the leading events of the late war can recall how the country was electrified by the news of Donelson's fall, how it was encouraged, how, like a row of cards, fell the forts and cities of Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, throughout consequent upon this single great achievement.

"Then immediately followed the sending of Grant's name to the senate to be confirmed as major general, and I will remember the enthusiasm of his unanimous confirmation. Even Grant and jealous old Halleck, whose feelings toward his victorious general were not at all favorable, could not refrain from bestowing an involuntary tribute."

F. A. OBER.

Explained.

Nell—What was the matter with Miss Sing-song's solo at the musicale?  
Belle—After the second verse she came to the word "refrain" printed on the music sheet; so she did it.—Philadelphia Record.

Valuable Experience.

"Johnnie," said his father, "I'm surprised to hear that you have dared to dispute with your mother."

"But she was wrong, pa," replied Johnnie.

"That has nothing to do with it," said the old man.

"You might just as well profess my experience and let me once for all tell you when a woman says a thing is so it is so, whether it is so or not."—Chicago News.

One or the Other.

"I wish I could remember what Lobelia told me to order when I came down town this morning," said Mr. McSwat. "It was either a tea set or a settee, but which one of the two it was I can't tell to mind to save my life."—Chicago Tribune.

Pay of Actors in China.

In China a company of 30 actors can be engaged for \$30 to play as many pieces as may be desired for two days at a stretch.

Strange Custom.

In the island of Guernsey it used to be the practice of the children on the last day of the year to dress up a figure in the shape of a man and, after parading it through the parish, to bury it on the seashore or in some retired spot.

## TRAVEL IN ALASKA.

## BETTER TIMES AT HAND FOR THE MERRY MINER.

Provisions For New Railways and Aerial Tramways—The Snow and Ice Locomotive and Other Devices—The Reindeer and the Dog.

(Special Correspondence.)  
CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—There are likely to be plenty of means of transportation in Alaska before the end of this year besides those of the steamboat and catamaran, the slow going dog and the swift footed reindeer, the native carrier and the overburdened gold seeker or the horse and the ox. We have had news of projects for railroad lines, for aerial tramways, for the electrical sleigh, for the motor to be used in snow transit, for a lighter which can be propelled over both ice and water, and for various other devices that may be serviceable in the northernmost part of our widespread country.

It would be hard to name any country in the world which has as large a variety of appliances for the transportation of passengers and goods as Alaska is soon to have if all projects are successful and all promises are kept.

When the favorable season for navigation begins this year, there will be all the steamers that are likely to be required, not only on the Yukon river, but also on the Stikine and other Alaskan rivers that are navigable. News has been received here from various points on the Pacific coast that steamboats numbering in all between 40 and 50 are ready for service, and that nearly as many more are in course of construction. It is to be supposed that the price of tickets for travelers will be regulated by competition.

For travel toward the interior by land a number of practicable railroad routes have been surveyed since last summer, some of them over American territory and others over Canadian. One of the important lines is that of the Chilkoot Railroad company, an organization formed last year at Tacoma. Another is the all Canadian route of the Mackenzie syndicate, which is to run from a point on the Pacific coast to Dawson City, on the Yukon. The former line will be in part a surface railroad and in part an aerial tramway, and advances have recently been received from Tacoma that the aerial section over the Chilkoot pass is already under way. As for the Canadian line, the building of it is to be preceded by the construction of a sleigh road 270 miles in length from the mouth of the Stikine river to the head of river navigation on Lake Teslin, and it is provided in the contract between the Dominion government and the syndicate that this sleigh road shall be completed in the first week of the month of March, so that travelers will then find a clear route for horse transportation from the coast to the lake. At least six other railroad routes to the mining regions of Alaska have been surveyed, and companies, both American and Canadian, have been organized for the building of the projected lines.

It has been made manifest that capitalists believe in the greatness of the mining resources of Alaska, as abundant means have been offered for the construction there of such railroads as promise to be advantageous.

The building of aerial tramways in a land of snow and ice like Alaska was a happy thought. In by far the greater part of the country the laying of surface rails is impracticable, while at the same time it is feasible to erect "stills" for the support of the rails over which the trains are to pass. The remark contained in a dispatch from Tacoma that the opening of the aerial tramway over Chilkoot pass "will mark a new era in Alaskan transportation" was correct. The sufferings that travelers endured last year at that pass are not to be borne by this year.

Not much has yet been heard of the "snow and ice locomotives" that are soon to be brought into service, but it is known that a Chicago company recently made a contract for the building of six of them at Portland, Or., and it is believed that in a few weeks they will be employed in the propelling and very strong vehicles with electrical motors, and there is no reason for doubting that they will get over the ground.

With plenty of steamboats on the principal rivers, with such bits of railroad as may be got ready, with sundry short cuts of aerial tramway, with at least one long road for horse sleighs, it is safe to say that the miner or other person who may go to the Alaska gold mines when things are ready for him this year will travel with less trouble than that which beset his predecessor.

There has been a good deal of disappointment in Alaska because of the delay in the use of the reindeer. More than a half year ago there was talk of employing in the transportation service some members of the reindeer herds that belong to the United States government and that have been nursed for seven or eight years at Fort Clarence, on the coast of Alaska. Some of them have been harnessed to sleighs and driven for short distances at the place where they are herded, but their keepers have until now regarded it as undesirable to send them out through the country, where beaten tracks do not exist and where reindeer food is not always plentiful. The government has this winter obtained new supplies of them from Norway and there is good reason to believe that within a brief period of time the lightly harnessed quadruped will be seen bounding over the vast ranges of Alaska.

Meanwhile even yet, as of old, the dog is exceedingly useful as a draft animal in Alaska, and the new dog express is regarded by the natives as one of the wonders of this progressive age.

JOHN SWINTON.

Vocabularies.

In a talk about the Algonquin language Dr. Edward Everett Hale observed that 600 words of any language are enough for human communication. "Six hundred words," he said, "are said to be sufficient for the couriers in Europe, and it is the outside limit of the vocabulary of the Italian opera. It is true that this is the minimum of human intelligence in both cases, but still it answers for the conveyance of thought. In the book of Judges, for instance, there are not 700 different words."

## A Kitchen Helper

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## GOOD COOKERY

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GOOD COOKERY, Dorchester, Mass.

My Dear Annie:

You say you have trouble in cleaning your vegetables and garnishes of insects which we always find there. I make a strong brine of one pound and a half of salt to one gallon of water; into this I place the vegetables, with the stalk ends upmost, for two or three hours; this will destroy all the insects which cluster in the leaves, and they will fall out and sink to the bottom of the water. For the garnishes, immerses them and thoroughly rinse.

For the kitchen vegetables which have grown hard, such as beans, peas, etc., and do not boil easily, it has usually been imputed to the coldness of the season or to the rains. This popular notion is erroneous. The difficulty of boiling them soft arises from an excess of gypsum, imbibed during their growth. To correct this, throw a small quantity of carbonate of soda into the pot, along with the vegetables. As regards what vegetables to use, potatoes are good with all meats. Carrots, parsnips, turnips, greens and cabbage are eaten with boiled meat, and beets, peas and beans with either boiled or roasted meat. Mashed turnips, onion and apple sauce, are used with roast pork. Tomatoes are good with every kind of meat, but especially so with roast beef.

Crabapple sauce and currant jelly with fowls, veal, ham and game. Capers or nasturtiums with boiled mutton, and mint sauce with roast lamb. Pickles should always be served with fish, and horseradish with raw oysters. And right here I will tell you of a very simple yet very best mint sauce I have ever tried. Take two tablespoonfuls of chopped spearmint, three tablespoonfuls of vinegar and one tablespoonful of sugar. Do not, on any account, use the mint flavoring for sauces. It is not so good as the real article, although for flavoring potted lamb the extract is quite desirable.

I made a pudding yesterday which I liked very much. One might call it a HALF HOUR INDIAN PUDDING. Take one quart of milk, two-thirds of a cup of Indian meal, two-thirds of a cup of molasses, three eggs, a small piece of butter and a little salt. Scald the milk and put all into it; then pour in a pan (not too deep) and bake half an hour. Try it. Dora came over yesterday and brought some.

CHICKEN GELATINE.  
You slice cold roast chicken and lay in a mould with alternate layers of cold boiled tongue and occasional slices of hard boiled egg, and season with celery salt. Dissolve half an ounce of gelatin in a pint of clear brown gravy and pour it over the meat. It must stand for twelve hours to harden before cutting. It was a most appetizing dish and a very nice way of preparing cold meat for tea.

A very good cake for lunch for Eddie and Carrie, when they stay at school on stormy days is called

PUFF CAKE.  
Take one and one-half cups of sugar, one-half cup butter and one of milk, three eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, three cups of flour, with one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and one-half teaspoonful of soda, put in dry. Beat the whites of the eggs to a froth and put in last. It is a most digestible cake as well as a toothsome one. A few days ago I wished to make a lemon pie, and I found I was using for all my eggs, and as it was storming, I decided not to go to the store, but to make a substitute. So I took squash enough for one pie, added a small cracker, powdered and beaten well with squash, and sweetened it and spiced to taste. It was quite a success, and if you are ever caught in the same situation, just try it. It certainly was good enough for

Yours truly, COMFORT JONES,

Doctor of Cookery.

"SCALLOPED" POTATOES.

Prepare in this proportion: Two cups of mashed potatoes, two tablespoonfuls of cream or milk and one of melted butter; salt and pepper to taste. Stir the potatoes, butter and cream together, adding one raw egg. If the potatoes seem too moist, beat in a few fine bread crumbs. Bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes, taking care to have the top a rich brown.

FROZEN PUDDING.

To make this take one cup of made coffee, one cupful of sugar, yolks of two eggs. Beat the yolks and sugar together, add the coffee and put in a double boiler for 10 minutes. Let it cool. Add one pint of whipped cream, put into a mold and freeze for five or six hours.

For those who are not particular about having it hard less freezing will suffice, but it is better if frozen for fully six hours.

Net Goodwin has produced in Chicago the play written by Clyde Fitch on the life of Nathan Hale and it has evidently met popular approval.

The drama which Henry Guy Carleton wrote for James J. Corbett is being played in Illinois. The former prizefighter enacts a devil may care hero.

Paul Potter has bought Guy de Maupassant's "Mile. Fi-Fi," which he utilized as the first act of "The Conquerors." He will at least own that portion of the piece.

Jules Lomatre has provided a play for Rejano in which she has refused to appear, as a new Sardou drama will occupy her time during the rest of the winter. Jane Hading may be seen in the role written for Rejano.

F. V. R. Hull, now trainer at Woodburn farm, has occupied that position since 1859—almost 40 years.

Carl Burr, Jr., is working H. O. Havemeyer's Harrietta, 3:09½, and Miss Lida, 2:10½, to pole at Commack, N. Y.

The veteran Ohio stallion, Florida Monarch, 3:17½, by Florida, owned by G. W. Brownell



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3 lbs of Pork Chops,	25c
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Sliced Ham, sugar cured,	16c
Breakfast Bacon in strips,	10c
Choice Young Turkeys	16c
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A 7-room tenement. 60 Liberty st. 125 ft.  
Two new 6-room flats, all modern improvements. Apply F. E. Pike, 46 East Quincy st. Desirable tenement on Glen avenue. H. A. Gallup, Holland block. 155 ft.

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The North Adams Employment Bureau, Room 7, Kimball Block, Main street, is headquarters for obtaining help and situations. J. A. George, Manager.

### SITUATIONS WANTED

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### LOST.

A ten-dollar bill between the Normal school and school at. Reward if returned to W. Tranter, 233 ft.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
State House, Boston, Feb. 24th, 1898.  
The Committee on Banks and Banking will give a hearing to parties interested in the petition to incorporate the Stockbridge Savings Bank at room No. 448, State House, on Wednesday, March 2nd at 10.30 o'clock a. m. W. A. WHITE, Secretary, Chairman. Carlton P. Hens, Clerk of the Committee.

## TWO BIG FORTUNES

Being Claimed By Local Men. Mr. Manville Thinks an Old Will Valuable.

### BEQUEATHS CANADIAN PARISHES

Flemish Nobleman Sentenced to Prison Three Years Ago is in the City Before Leaving to Claim a Fortune.

Albert Manville of 107 State street, will leave the city Sunday night for Canada on an important mission. He is going to make an investigation which may result in bringing a large fortune to his wife.

Samuel Barnes, an officer in the English army, died in England in 1810, leaving a large amount of real estate in the parishes of Sorell and Santouze, lower Canada. Samuel Barnes was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Manville, and a year before his death he made a will bequeathing his property to Ann Labre and Ann Simpson. Ann Labre was the grandmother of Mrs. Manville.

Mr. Manville has been at work on the matter for a long time. He finally succeeded in getting from England two weeks ago a copy of the will and now feels that he has something definite to go by. His business in Canada is to look up the papers regarding the property, of which there is believed to be a very large amount, and if Mrs. Manville's claim is established her share will make her independently rich. Mr. Manville will be gone a week at least, and if his investigations take him to Quebec, as they are liable to do, it will be two weeks before his return. He does not know what he will find and says the errand may be fruitless so far as recovering the property is concerned, but he feels that the matter should be sifted to the bottom and this will be done before he returns from Canada. His friends hope the search will be successful, and if it is Mr. and Mrs. Manville will be in a position to forego any excitement over the Klondike business or war with Spain.

### Where Riches Brought Sadness.

L. B. Van de Cruysen, who practiced medicine here for some time until three years ago, when he was sent to states prison, is in this city again after serving his term, and is preparing to leave in a short time for Flanders to claim a fortune of about \$100,000 and an estate which has been left to him, so he has been informed, by an uncle who died in 1887, and whose widow had the use of the property till her death, which was recent. The letters informing him of his fortune began to come while he was in prison, and he was in the embarrassing position of being unable to answer them in person or to tell why he could not go to claim his estates.

His affairs occupied a considerable proportion of the cities attention at the time of his arrest and sentence. He says now that when he gets possession of his money he will return to North Adams and prove his innocence of the crimes with which he was charged.

### GREYLOCK PARK HEARING SET

For March 9. Active Interest Throughout the County. Pittsfield Meeting.

The date for the hearing in Boston on the Greylock park reservation bill has been set for Monday, March 9. This allows a week and a half for preparation and the case will be well prepared for presentation. The entire county is actively interested in its success, and the petitions which are being circulated are being signed rapidly. Work in Pittsfield is as earnest as that in this city, and several from that city will probably be present at the hearing. The outlook in Boston is as encouraging as it is here, among the members of the legislature and there is every prospect that the bill will pass easily.

It was planned here to print circulars on the subject for distribution among the members of the legislature, but it was learned this morning that Pittsfield men were planning to do the same thing, and the two cities will probably unite in preparing such a paper.

About 75 representative business men of Pittsfield met last evening to take action in regard to the bill. Judge Slocum was elected chairman, and Lawyer John F. Noxon, secretary of the meeting, and the bill was read and explained briefly by Judge Slocum. He stated that the bill proposed to appoint a commission of three Berkshire men to secure by gift or purchase the mountain top and land thereabout which would forever be open to visitors and perhaps eventually laid out for a park similar to others in the state. After some discussion it was unanimously voted that the sentiment of the meeting was in favor of the bill and that some representative be sent to Boston to appear before the committee in April favoring its passage. Senator Whitteley, Gen. Morris Schaff and some other Pittsfield men will probably be in attendance. It is also probable that the Pittsfield city Council will be asked to take some action favoring the bill.

### Y. M. A. C. Conference.

A conference of the Women's Auxiliaries of the Young Men's Christian Association of the ninth district will be held in the association building in this city, Thursday, March 3. The program will include an address of welcome by Mrs. H. W. Clark; "Why Women Should be Auxiliary Workers," Pittsfield Auxiliary; "Needs of the Young Men of the City," Mrs. Anna Whitaker; praise service; reports; Bible reading; Mrs. G. M. Darby; "Our Auxiliary work and what it has accomplished," Mrs. R. L. Chase; "What shall we do for the boys," Mrs. J. C. Tabbelet; reading; "No place for the boys," Mrs. W. W. Darby; "How can the present lines of association work be enlarged," R. M. Armstrong state secretary.

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## SOCIAL EVENT AT BLACKINTON.

Last Dance of Young People's Series Held Successfully.

Temperance hall at Blackinton was the scene of a gay assembly of young people last evening at the last reception given by the young society people of this vicinity. The occasion was a success in every respect, the committee in charge having given their best efforts toward having it eclipse all others given by them in the past. How well they succeeded can best be told by those who were there.

The hall was decorated for the occasion and with the many bright hued dresses of the young ladies made a picture of much brilliancy. Settees were reserved in the galleries for spectators, and the fact that most of them remained until midnight is evidence that the scene was a fascinating one.

Robert Schouler, W. H. Beattie, C. Earl Washburn, R. W. Prentiss, H. Church Taylor, and W. B. Putney, welcomed the guests and Mrs. Schouler, Mrs. C. Washburn, John P. Blackinton and Miss Shepherd, served as patronesses.

The reception and arrival of guests continued until nine, when the first waltz brought everyone to the floor. Then followed a program of twenty waltzes and two-steps, with four extras. Refreshments were served at intermission after which dancing was resumed.

The music was furnished by the Misses Mansfield of North Adams, who gave excellent satisfaction. Special music was prepared for last evening and so popular was it that nearly every number received an encore, to which the young ladies very graciously responded.

Among the guests from out of town were Miss Dale of Williamstown, Misses Lucy Easterbrooke, Susan Glenn and Mr. Getty of Hoosick Falls, Miss (Mabel) Connor of Pittsfield, Miss Southerland of Cohoes, Arthur Parker of Pownall, the Misses Cutting, Winslow, Sperry, Rice, Hall, Shepherd, Alford, Harrington, Sheldon, Flood, Wood and Germain of this city. A large number of collegians were also present.

### A STRONG NEW PLAY.

"At Piney Ridge" a Surprise. Next Week at the Columbia.

Like all good plays, "At Piney Ridge" would have a crowded house if it should play a return engagement, but like most good ones, it met a pitifully inadequate audience at its first appearance in the Columbia last night. It would be impossible to give an idea, to one who did not see it, of the striking beauties of the play. It is a dramatic story told with a skillful interweaving of all the romance of southern love with all the passion of southern prejudice, and it is original both in construction and interpretation.

The play depends for success on its own inherent strength. The scenery is made for the play, not the play for the scenery. The plot reminds one of the story of "Puddin' Head Wilson," depending on the exchange in infancy of a negro and white child. The motive here is revenge instead of ambition, however, and makes a much stronger story than Mark Twain's. The drunken confession of revenge satisfied by Louise Rial as the ex-slave woman is one of the most powerful pieces of character acting that the recent dramatic world has produced.

There were no weak parts in the cast. David Higgins, the author, as Jack Rose presented the rugged honesty and courage of the Tennessee mountaineer, with the innate civility of the southern gentleman, in a manner that was distinctive and striking. George Waldron as 'Cindy' carried the most difficult part in the play with wonderful faithfulness. The presentation of southern dialect, southern manners and southern traditions was so real that one forgot that it was imitation. The play loses, to those who do not know it, in its title, which gives a melodramatic sound. If it could be given a more broadly typical name, like "Tennessee," its drawing power should be increased, and it is certainly worthy to take a place with a series of state plays.

Manager Meade has secured one strong play for next week in "The Lady of Lyons," which will be at the Columbia Thursday night. W. S. Hart is its star. He has been seen here as leading man for Modjeska and Ehee, and has recently made a sudden success as a star. He is supported by Miss Constance Williams. The Wolford Stock company will be here at popular prices Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

### "Sent Up" By Request.

An interesting case came up in court this morning when William L. Flowers was charged with vagrancy and sentenced to six months at Bridgewater. For some time the man had been in this city and has been unable to find work. He had taken a few odd jobs and had been helped by various people. One of the ministers accompanied him to the police station yesterday and the man asked to be sent to Northampton. One of those who helped him received a letter from a minister in Palmer telling him that the fellow was an impostor. It is believed that he was demoted.

The case against Arthur Buxton for drunkenness was fled away. Case against Clarinda Richards and Gertrude Bigelow for lewdness were not pressed. Several other continued cases were again put over.

### All Night Horse Hunt.

A horse belonging to W. Rudnick, a peddler, was found on West Main street this morning by Officer Bowes and taken to Flagg's stable. The forward bob of a sleigh was attached to the horse. Mr. Rudnick, who hunted for the horse nearly all night, said his rig disappeared Friday evening while he was in a house a Greylock and he believed the horse was driven away by boys. He started out this morning to find the other part of the sleigh.

The box and rear traverse have not been found yet and Mr. Rudnick has reported the case to the police. Mr. Rudnick says there was about \$12 worth of boots and shoes in the box of the sleigh.

The greater includes the less. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, and may be depended upon to cure boils and pimples.

## ITS OFFICIAL VISITATION.

St. Paul Commandery, Knights Templar, is Inspected and Has a Banquet.

The official inspection by the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was made on Friday evening of St. Paul commandery, Knights Templar, of this city. The official inspector was Emil, grand Sir Dana J. Flanders of Boston, grand sword bearer. Mr. Flanders is the general passenger agent of the Boston and Maine railway. In his suite were St. Paul, acting grand warder, Boston; W. T. Petherbridge, past commander, Berkshire commandery, Pittsfield; William P. Wood, generalissimo, Berkshire commandery, Pittsfield. The occasion was a gala one for the local Knights Templar, and a large percentage of the membership was present. Work was exemplified in the Order of the Red Cross in a flawless manner.

After the serious business was over, a banquet was served in the regalia room and banquet hall. The tables were spread in the form of a cross. Caterer William J. McNeil officiated in his usual excellent manner. The courses past, and fragrant Havanas lighted, Edward McMeekins rapped for order and proceeded to the more enjoyable part of such an occasion, the toasts and responses. Mr. Meekins made a most admirable toast-master, and good-naturedly took the jibe of being misallied the postmaster. But he handled the males in a manner that betokened his fitness for any position to which he might be called.

Apt and entertaining speeches were made by Grand Commander Walter Cutting, Dana J. Flanders, Charles E. Pierce, Henry S. Rowe, W. T. Petherbridge and William P. Wood, the guests from out of town. C. W. Dennett, C. T. Fairfield, William Blythe and others were among the local speakers. The occasion was a most enjoyable one in every particular.

### WILLIAMS ALUMNI MEET

For Thirty-First Annual Banquet in Boston.

The 31st annual reunion banquet of the New England Alumni Association of Williams college was held in Boston Friday night, at the University club building. About 70 were present. Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Dike, '63, president of the association, had Gov. Wolcott on his right and President Carter on his left. Others at the head table included Rev. Dr. Francis N. Peloubet, Robert G. Fitch, '70, William B. Putney, '83, of New York, and Judge James M. Barker of the supreme court.

Governor Wolcott, President Carter, Dr. Dike, William B. Putney and Robert G. Fitch were the principal speakers. President Carter spoke at length of the appreciation of responsibility on the part of the young men of the present generation which is demanded by increasing privileges.

The following officers were elected: President, C. L. Hutchins, '61; vice-president, Fisher Howe, Jr., '72; secretary, L. McD. Garfield, '92; treasurer, A. D. Dowd, '85; executive committee, R. G. Fitch, '70, J. D. Colt, '84, J. M. Lasei, '86, F. K. White, '90, and E. A. Watson, '97. Sanford Robinson of this city was present.

### Trotting Association Plans.

About 15 delegates from the agricultural societies of Chatham, Great Barrington, North Adams and Pittsfield met yesterday afternoon in Pittsfield and perfected arrangements for a combination of the different societies. Mr. Mickle of Chatham was elected president and Charles H. Wright of Pittsfield secretary of the combination. Pittsfield, Great Barrington and Chatham societies submitted schedules for horse trots of different classes, the prizes to be about \$300 each, and North Adams is to make up a schedule from the schedules submitted. It was voted to advertise the races and prizes offered in several of the best national agricultural papers from May to August or September next, and to print 4000 entry blanks, similar to those of last year and to adopt the rules of the national trotting association to govern the races. The secretary was voted \$25 per year for incidental expenses, and all the expenses of the combination are to be borne equally. The Hudson, (N. Y.) society is to be invited to join the combination. This city was represented by George Z. Dean.

### United Choirs' Service.

The union praise service of the united choirs of the city will be given in the Universalist church tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, allowing, as at previous services until the last, each church to hold its own service in the evening. The following excellent program has been prepared: Organ prelude. Doxology. Anthem—"The Lord Shall Be Thy Confidence," J. V. Roberts. Hymn—"Stand Up for Jesus," Gounod. Quartet—"The King of Love," Gounod. Hymn—"O Praise ye the Lord." Solo, with violin obligato—Heavenly Lights, Gounod. String quartet—To be selected. Quartet—"Oh Jesus Art Thou Standing," Shepard.

Address, Rev. F. A. Taylor. Anthem—"Before the Heavens were Spread Abroad," Parker. Offertory—"Allegretto grazioso, Tours b Pastorale, Dehayes. Hymn—"O Could We Speak the Matchless worth." Postlude.

### Barbers Have Grievances.

The barbers of the city met in the rooms of the Central Labor union last evening and a temporary organization was perfected by the organizing committee of the central body. A president, recording, financial secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms were elected.

The journeyman barbers have many grievances which they think should receive active attention. A uniform rate of wages, and a strict adherence to the regular price for hair cuts will be two important matters to consider. Another meeting will be held Friday evening next.

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